

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Mr Malenkov's Big Anxiety

ONE of the most important factors in the international situation today—and yet one that is often overlooked—is the economic condition of the Soviet Union and its East European satellite countries. It is not easy to assess accurately, for accurate information is hard to obtain. Statistics are not revealed; and economic facts which in normal countries are public, are in the Communist societies, a State secret. But enough evidence is available to allow a general impression to be formed. And that impression is one of acute anxiety. Mr Malenkov's long speech to the Supreme Soviet, read carefully, shows the Government's intense concern with the shortage, not only of consumer goods, but of food. The most "urgent task" is that of "raising sharply the population's supply of foodstuffs and of manufactured goods," while M. Khrushchev's directive to the Communist Party's Central Committee a month later drew a gloomy picture of the food situation. The gross agricultural output had only risen by ten per cent above pre-war level; which means that the available food supply per head of population is well below pre-war level. The production of grain, potatoes, vegetables and fodder is all too slow. The situation as regards cattle and livestock is worst of all; the number of cattle is actually diminishing—though the population to be fed is increasing.

ALL the Communist governments of Eastern Europe are, in fact, facing a serious economic crisis—a crisis of scarcity. Communism is failing to "deliver the goods," and the Communist leaders have come, a little belatedly, to realise the danger. There may at present be no apprehension of actual famine such as suffered by the Soviet Union in 1921, 1931 and 1946. But the "upsurge" of agricultural production, for which Mr Malenkov has called, is imperative. And there can be no upsurge of food production unless the peasants can obtain, in exchange for their crops, clothes and boots and the other things they want. Hence the promised drastic change in economic policy. Concentration on the development of heavy industry and the production of capital goods, an "industrialisation" which marked the Stalin era, is now seen to have been a mistake; or to have been carried too far. The economy that has been constructed is dangerously lopsided. The foundations have been dangerously neglected while a grandiose superstructure was being proudly erected.

NEVERTHELESS the change in economic policy has come and it is far and away the most important thing that has happened in the Soviet Union since the end of the war. What is interesting is how it affects the relationship of the Union to the non-Communist world. The change does seem to rule out any immediate possibility of Soviet aggression either against Western Europe or in the Middle East. But can it also be expected that the change will bring a new readiness on the part of Mr Malenkov and his colleagues to call off the "cold war," to adopt a more friendly attitude towards the West, and to allow the reunion of Germany on a free and democratic basis? There are no solid grounds for optimism in this respect, yet one thing is certain: during the coming months Mr Malenkov's actions and policies are going to be conditioned and determined by his anxiety over the economic condition of the Soviet Union.

NEW

Plane Crashes Into Four Houses

Long Beach, Calif., Jan. 12. An Air Force F-80 Sabre jet, plunged out of a rainy sky and crashed into a row of houses in residential Signal Hill today, killing five persons, including two women and a child, and demolishing four homes. The 600-mile-per-hour jet, on a routine training flight, exploded as it slammed into Raymond Avenue, sending chunks of burning debris smashing into houses along both sides of the street. Fires broke out over a two-block area. A sixth person, a male bystander who was not immediately identified, was reported to have died of a heart attack suffered as the plane rocked the neighbourhood. — United Press.

Los Angeles Shaken By 'Quake

Los Angeles, Jan. 12. An earthquake of apparently moderate intensity shook Los Angeles at 3.35 p.m. PST today. The quake rocked buildings in a rolling motion for several seconds. The swaying earth motion was felt throughout the Los Angeles area, with reports coming in from Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Burbank, Southgate and other nearby communities that the quake was felt. In Riverside, 60 miles to the southeast of here, the quake also was felt as a rolling earth motion. In a preliminary report, seismologists at the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, where the quake was also felt, said it appeared strong enough to have done some damage but they could not estimate the intensity until they knew its epicentre. Dr Charles Richter, noted seismologist, said the Los Angeles area was not the centre of the quake. He said the possibility of damage could not be ruled out immediately if the epicentre were in a populated area.

NO DAMAGE
Long Beach, scene of a disastrous earthquake in 1933, also felt the tremor but reported no damage. San Gabriel Valley also reported the quake was felt.

To the North, the Lancaster area reported that it was hit "hard" by the earth movement but there were no reports of damage.

Santa Barbara, where a strong earthquake did major damage in 1925, reported the quake was felt there, also, but neither the police nor the sheriff's office had any reports of damage.

Ventura, about 60 miles north of Los Angeles, reported that the earthquake there snapped telephone lines, making a check for damage slow but when a check was made it showed no damage other than the broken wires. — United Press.

AMERICAN MILITARY POLICIES

Retaliatory Power To Deter Aggression

MR DULLES EXPLAINS "TRANSFORMATIONS"

New York, Jan. 12. Secretary of State, said today the Eisenhower Administration had decided to develop massive retaliatory military power to deter aggression. Mr Dulles in a speech before the Council on Foreign Relations here said that this was the basic decision taken by President Eisenhower and his advisers in planning military policies to meet the threat from international Communism. Mr Dulles listed the "transformations" needed by the United States for long-range defence policies.

1. It was not sound military strategy permanently to commit United States land forces to Asia to a degree that left no strategic reserves.
2. It was not sound economics or good foreign policy to support permanently other countries.
3. It was not sound to become permanently committed to military expenditures so vast that they lead to "practical bankruptcy."

A change in policies was imperative to assure the stamina needed for permanent security, he said, adding: "We need Allies and collective security. Our purpose is to make these relations more effective, less costly. This can be done by placing more reliance on deterrent power and less dependence on local defensive power."

"This is accepted practice so far as local communities are concerned. We keep locks on our doors; but we do not have an armed guard in every home. We rely principally on a community security system so well equipped to punish any who break in and steal that in fact would-be aggressors are generally deterred. That is the modern way of getting maximum protection at a bearable cost."

"What the Eisenhower administration seeks is a similar international security system. We want for ourselves and the other free nations a maximum deterrent at a bearable cost."

MUST BE REINFORCED
"Local defence will always be important. But there is no local defence which alone will contain the might and power of the Communist world. Local defences must be reinforced by the further deterrent of massive retaliatory power."

"A potential aggressor must know that he cannot always pre-empt battle conditions that suit him. Otherwise, for example, a potential aggressor who is tempted to attack in confidence that resistance would be confined to manpower, he might be tempted to attack in places where his superiority was decisive."

"The fact that this was a jet is a shame," he said, "but such accidents happen to all types of planes. It is a tragedy but not the end of the jet plane."

He said United States aircraft manufacturers were going ahead to develop and produce their own types of civilian jet aircraft and it was only a question of time before the planes would be operating in this country. — Reuter.

Washington, Jan. 12. A spokesman for the Aircraft Industries Association said the crash and the grounding of the Comets in Britain certainly did not mean the end of the jet transport plane.

"We are prepared to consider anything that will help us clear up the mystery of the Comet crash," he added.

An early model of the television camera was used to locate the Comet at a depth of nearly 300 feet. New and more powerful cameras have now been fitted to the Reclaim. — Reuter.

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RAF Plane Tragedy



The cold light of a January morning shines over a scene of tragedy—the wreckage of the RAF Valetta transport plane which crashed in a snowstorm at Aldbury, Herts, a week ago, killing 15 of the 16 occupants. Opposite, snow drives around a policeman as he peers into the wreckage of the plane searching for bodies. — Reuterphoto.

Suspected Smugglers Arrested

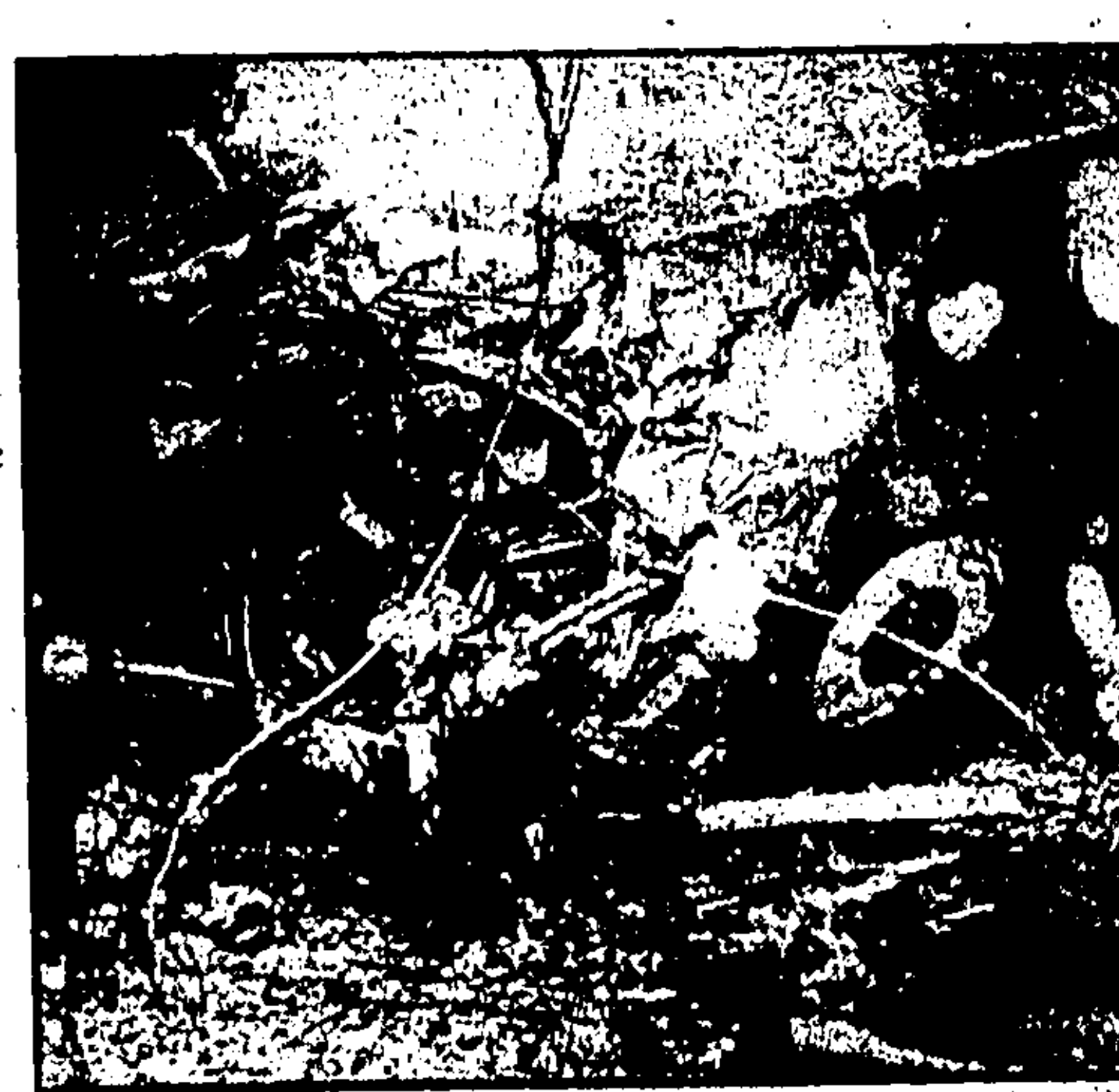
Montreal, Jan. 12. Two suspected operators of a smuggling ring were arrested tonight as Canadian police and US Treasury agents teamed to crack a diamond-smuggling gang that operated on two continents. Moses Mandel, 40, of Brooklyn, New York, was arrested at an hotel shortly after Parisian Jacob Kasimierski, 25, was picked up by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as he stepped from an airliner that brought him from Paris. They will be arraigned tomorrow on charges of smuggling \$200,000 worth of uncut diamonds into Canada. An RCMP spokesman said a search was under way in the United States for a third suspect. Police did not disclose his name immediately but said they believed he was an "international carrier" for illicit diamonds and possibly other gems destined ultimately for sale in the United States.

ACROSS 2 CONTINENTS
A trail across two continents led detectives to a cache of uncut diamonds in a rubber-encased package near an hotel yesterday, an RCMP officer said. Canadian Federal police and US Treasury agents worked with Canadian customs officers on the case. Inspector René Bette, chief of the RCMP's criminal investigation branch here, said the two men would be charged under a section on the Canadian customs act which provides heavy fines and prison terms for illegal possession and transportation of gems.

A preliminary investigation indicated that Kasimierski brought the diamonds to Canada. Police said Mandel was believed to have been waiting here to smuggle the diamonds across the border into the US. Bette said Kasimierski was arrested after he had "cleared" the customs at nearby Dorval airport. He said the customs officers at the field were briefed about the case before the Paris plane arrived and let Kasimierski through with only a routine baggage check. — United Press.

Collapses When Nearing Record

Berne, Jan. 12. Piano-accompanist, T. Benoit, today collapsed a few minutes short of breaking the world's record for playing an endurance record. His doctor ordered him to stop playing after he had turned out tunes for 74 hours and 35 minutes. The world's record is 75 hours. — France-Press.



Avalanches Death Toll Rises Above 200

London, Jan. 12. Over 200 people were tonight estimated dead or missing in Europe's biggest Alpine avalanche disasters which hurled a train into an Austrian valley and buried thousands of homes.

Reuter messages told this story: Vienna: At least 181 casualties are reported in Austria and there are warnings of more avalanches and possible river floods. An avalanche swept a station at Dalaas, about half way up the Arlberg Pass, and is reported to have hurled down the Vienna express in the giant snowball. Rescuers are pushing along a perilous valley to Blons village. Berne: Avalanches have killed at least 18 people in Switzerland, swept away chalets, buried herdsmen and injured scores of villagers. Eight members of one family were buried in the ruins of their house near Schudorf. The Bernese Oberland and the Gruyere cheese country are among the areas which have suffered.

HUGE SNOW DRIFTS
Stockholm: Huge drifts defeated snow ploughs in Sweden and troops were called in to carve roads through the snow. Thousands of trees, uprooted by snow and gales, have made many roads impassable. Paris: The cold in Burgundy has driven wolves out of the woods in search for food. Eastern France has had an avalanche warning.

In Austria, reports of people dead, missing or rescued poured in almost by the minute, and by tonight it was clear that the past three days had brought one of the worst avalanche catastrophes ever recorded in Austria. The Western part of the country is almost in a state of national emergency, with every able-bodied man out for rescue work in many areas.

28 SENTENCED

Cairo, Jan. 12. A Cairo higher military court tonight sentenced 28 Egyptians accused of Communist activities to prison sentences varying from one to ten years with hard labour, and fines from 50 to 100 Egyptian dollars. Twelve were acquitted. They were arrested 18 months ago. — Reuter.

French National Assembly

Socialist Elected President

Paris, Jan. 12. Andre Le Troquer was tonight elected President of the French National Assembly. M. Le Troquer, 60, a veteran Socialist, was elected President (Speaker) on the third ballot. The Assembly was voting for a President to succeed 84-year-old Radical elder statesman, M. Eduard Herriot, who was first elected to the President's chair in 1925, and who had frequently occupied it between his terms of office as Minister and Prime Minister.

M. Le Troquer got 300 votes on the third ballot. His opponent, Popular Republican — Pierre Pillmin, got 261. According to the constitution, a simple majority only is sufficient on the third ballot, whereas an absolute majority is required on the first two ballots. As President of the Assembly, M. Le Troquer will rank as the second most important figure in the French fourth Republic after the newly-elected President, M. Rene Coty.

HIS CAREER

M. Le Troquer is known to be on the right-wing of the Socialist Party. As Vice President of the Assembly, he recently acted as President of the Congress of Parliament which met at Versailles to elect a new President of the Republic. A lawyer, he first started on a political career by becoming a Paris municipal councillor in 1910. Previously he had served in the French infantry, was decorated for bravery, lost his right arm, and was promoted from private to Lieutenant in the field.

He was first elected a Socialist Deputy in 1930. During the second war he became a Minister in General De Gaulle's Provisional Government. He was Minister of State in the first post-liberation Government and was also elected President of the Paris Municipal Council from 1945 to 1947.

He was Minister of the Interior in 1946 and Minister of Defence in M. Leon Blum's Government in 1947. After his election, M. Le Troquer said he proposed to ask the Assembly to confer the title of Honorary President on M. Herriot. He was warmly applauded by all sections of the Assembly. He will take his place as President next Thursday and will deliver an inauguration speech then. — Reuter.

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BIG ORDERS FROM RUSSIA

UK Expects To Send At Least £25m. Worth Of Goods

London, Jan. 12.

British businessmen are expecting to make trade arrangements with Russia shortly, to send £25 million to £40 million worth of goods, a spokesman for a group of 40 British businessmen said today.

They are re-doubling their efforts to get Soviet-bloc orders since the head of American Foreign Operations Administration, Mr Harold Stassen announced over the week-end that America was interested in more East-West trade.

About 40 British businessmen representing 16 companies have arranged to discuss trade with Soviet officials in Moscow and are waiting for Russia to give a date for their visit.

The spokesman for the group of British manufacturers, said Mr Stassen's statement was "the most important news from across the Atlantic for a long time."

"We have always felt that more trade would improve relations with Russia," the spokesman said. "America has been mainly responsible for determining what class of trade can be done with the East and it is a welcome sign now that

they plan to modify their restrictions on exports. But it also means competition in trade and we shall have to redouble our efforts."

"The Russians have agreed to their delegation visiting Moscow. All that remains now is for them to name the date. All the necessary travel arrangements can be made very quickly," the spokesman said.

It was estimated he said, that "business arrangements" with orders totalling between £25,000,000 and £40,000,000 could result from the Moscow visit.

Peace Could Follow An Atomic Pact

Bonn, Jan. 12.

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer told a parliamentary group of the Christian Democrat Union this afternoon that they could look forward to a period of peace, if an agreement was reached between the United States and the Soviet Union on the utilization of atomic energy.

He stressed, however, that this should not stop them from supporting the creation of the European Defence Community. European unity, he indicated, is the best means of ensuring peace in the world.

Adenauer added that the Western Powers had committed themselves firmly to representing at the Berlin conference the West German viewpoint on the re-establishment of a united Germany.

Finally, the West German Chancellor stressed that one of the most solid foundations of the German position was German-American friendship. He warned against any political sickness, which might compromise that friendship, as well as the close relations established with Britain and France.—France-Press.

Transfer Of War Criminal Sought

Bonn, Jan. 12.

The Social Democrat Bundestag member, Alfred Gieseler, has sent a letter to the four occupying powers, calling for the transfer to a hospital of former Admiral Erich Raeder, now imprisoned as a war criminal at Spandau Prison, Berlin, it was learned tonight.

Herr Gieseler stressed that Raeder was the oldest of the Spandau prisoners, and was seriously ill. To the Soviet High Commissioner, he pointed out that such a gesture, before the Berlin conference, would arouse the sympathy of all enlightened men.—France-Press.

Milan, Jan. 12.

Five zebras escaped from a circus van during loading operations at the railway station here today.

The circus was at the time being put on to a train. Three of the animals were captured after a frantic chase. Two jumped from the embankment to a main highway, and one was killed in the attempt. The other met death when a car ran into it.—France-Press.

"ENORMOUS MARKET"

"We regard Russia as a good potential market," the spokesman said.

"We hope the United States will now match words with deeds and agree to the removal of a lot of embargoes on which there has long been a diversion of views," the spokesman said.

He emphasised, however, that competition in East-West trade was the most important consideration and that a modification of American restrictions would mean that greater competition was in prospect.

The spokesman for another representative body of businessmen said that discussions with Communist China's official import and export organisation were expected to be resumed soon, probably in Berlin.

Representatives of this group visited Peking in July last year and made contracts with the Chinese authorities for trade valued at £15,000,000 each way.

SENSELESS BANS

The Board of Trade has not yet granted licences for some £8,000,000 worth but a modification of trade restrictions could make these quickly available, the spokesman said.

The Financial Times commented on the prospects for East-West trade in an editorial today and said that some of the bans on exports to the Soviet bloc did not make sense.

It said that the American Battle Act was an "unsatisfactory device, wholly inappropriate for a group of allies co-operating to prevent a potential enemy from acquiring the means of waging war" and urged that its restrictions should be modified and brought up to date.—United Press.

Machines Serve Sweets At Tube Stations

Seven hundred "silent salesmen" are serving Londoners again after a gap of 12 years. They are the chocolate and sweet machines on Underground stations and at the big termini.

Since the end of sweet rationing the machines have been gradually returning to business.

Chocolate is selling in 3d. and 6d. slabs, the smaller ones being slightly larger than the penny bars sold before the war.

It is still possible to buy from the machines for a penny. "Our sales range from a penny packet of chewing gum to a shilling packet of five cigarettes, including a packet

Schuman Says France Must Sign EDC

Paris, Jan. 12.

The former French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, said today that if France rejected the European defence community, America might remove her troops from Germany, and form an alliance directly with Bonn.

Speaking at the Anglo-American press luncheon in Paris, M. Schuman declared that supporters of the European defence community in all the French political parties, except the Communist Party, were going to begin a national campaign to have the EDC treaty ratified.

He asserted that there was no alternative to the EDC, and cried down any idea of ratifying it and at the same time cutting out some of the clauses contained in it. He considered it was possible to imagine "a European armaments pool".

He added: "If you leave the control of troops under national jurisdiction, however, you will then have a German staff, a German War Ministry, and the consequent attempts at restoring German military traditions, with the consequences which we all know only too well."

In reply to questions about the recent statements in Paris of United States Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, M. Schuman asserted that the French people "fear the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Europe more than a direct American-German agreement."

He added: "What is most feared is that America may decide to withdraw, and resort to what is called peripheral strategy."—France-Press.

Provence, Southern France, Jan. 12.

Two Frenchwomen, Jacqueline Matho and Marcelle Garbino, today broke the women's world record for flights in two-seater gliders by staying aloft for nearly 29 hours. Taking turns at the controls of their Fouga-CM-7, they circled above the airport here to beat the old mark of 28 hours and 41 minutes set in 1951 by Marcelle Chalmet.—Reuter.

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70lb Haggis Going To America

Prestwick, Scotland, Jan. 12.

The world's biggest haggis weighing over 70 pounds is to be flown to America from here on Thursday.

The Scotch haggis — once described by national bard Robert Burns as "great chieftain of the pudding (pudding) race" — is mainly made of chopped onions and sheep intestines.

The giant haggis is being sent to America by the Scottish tourist board as part of its publicity campaign. — China Mail Special.

4-Power Talks Site May Have Been Decided

Berlin, Jan. 12.

The representatives of the United States, Britain, France, and the Soviet Union will hold a meeting at the headquarters of the French military command tomorrow, the fourth in the present series of talks designed to prepare for the foreign ministers' conference opening here on January 25.

Yesterday's meeting between General Timberman, United States, General Coleman, Britain, General Mancaux, France, and General Deming, the representative of the Soviet High Commission, lasted 11 and a half hours.

However, despite the lack of precise information in the communiqué issued after each of these talks, it was understood that the representatives of the four powers had probably succeeded in settling the question of the place where the conference will take place.

It was pointed out in this connection that while the first communiqué said the question of the location had been discussed, the two others failed to mention the issue. They merely referred to the questions remaining to be thrashed out.

Some of them have already been settled, it was believed here, including the question of security and press accreditations.

FRANCE'S PROMISE

Vienna, Jan. 12.

The French government has promised Austria that at the forthcoming big four conference, it will do everything possible to hasten the conclusion of an Austrian state treaty, and thus to satisfy Austria's "legitimate aspirations," it was announced tonight.

The French government statement was contained in a note to the Austrian government released here. This note was a reply to an appeal made by Austria last week for an effort at the Berlin conference towards final settlement of the Austrian question.

The French note said that the French Government had continued to devote its efforts to the restoration of Austrian sovereignty and independence.

France had always considered, that the restoration of the independence and sovereignty of Austria would be a major contribution to the "stability of Europe and the consolidation of peace," the note said.

It was learned that the United States had sent a similar note to Austria, and that Britain in its note expressed the view that the Austrian and German questions should be treated separately.—France-Press.

Queen Wears Her Coronation Gown In New Zealand

Wellington, Jan. 12.

Queen Elizabeth dazzled New Zealanders today with changes of costume—from splendour to splendour.

Opening Parliament this morning the first sovereign ever to do this here, she wore her white silk Coronation gown, embroidered with the emblems of Britain and the Commonwealth countries.

Tonight, presenting New Year and other honours to 130 men and women at the Wellington Town Hall, she wore a regal full-skirted evening dress of gold and silver lace with a brilliant array of diamonds in a tiara, necklace, earrings and brooch.

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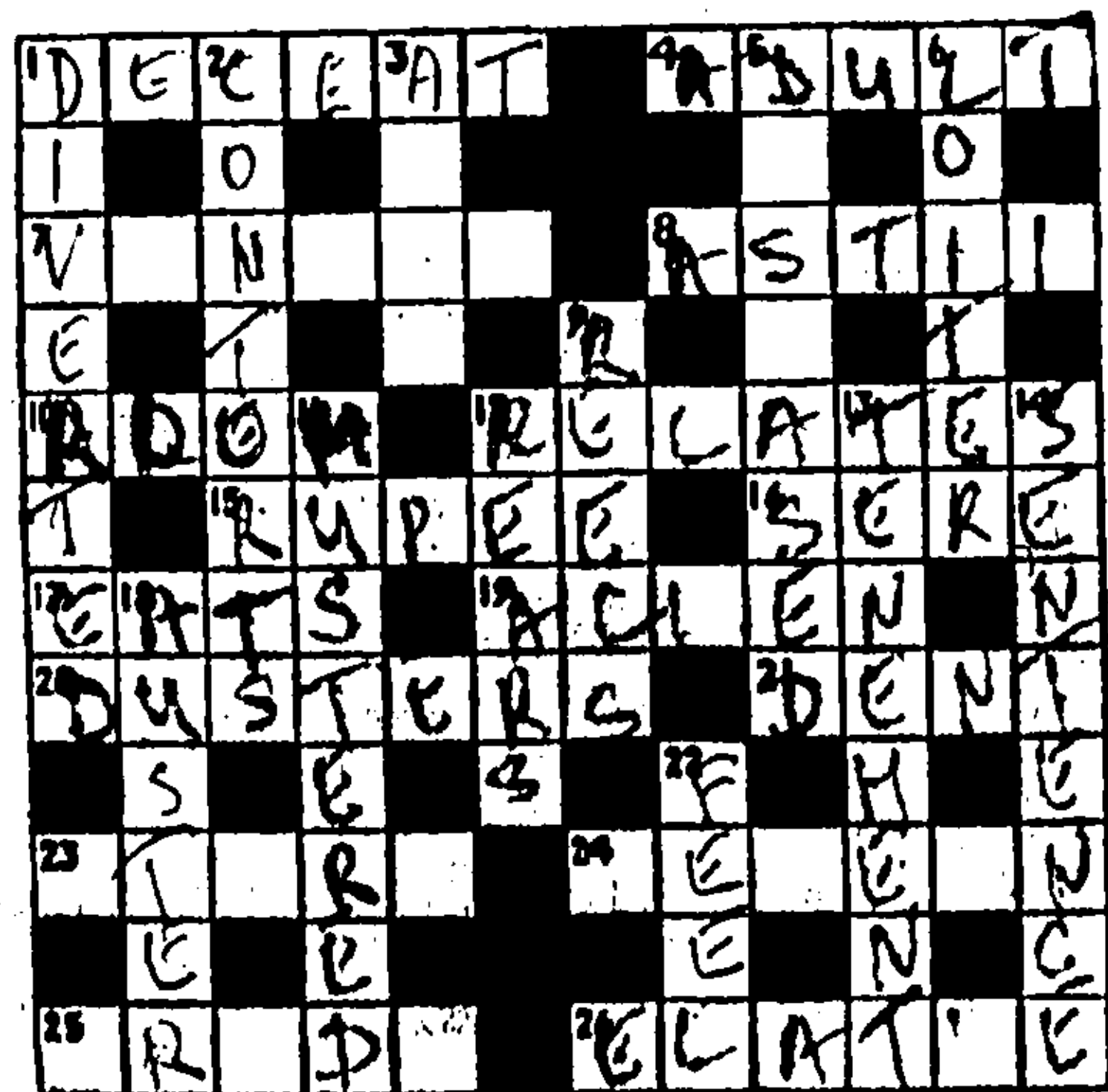
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 - 3 Fibber (4).
 - 5 Looked down on (8).
 - 6 Hang around (6).
 - 9 Stagnate (5).
 - 11 Assembled (8).
 - 12 Brings up (6).
 - 13 Apartment house (8).
 - 14 Judgment pronounced (8).
 - 18 Noble (6).
 - 22 Touch (4).

Scotland Yard Studying A New Plan:

“Use X-rays To Identify Unknown Victims”

India's objections have been voiced by the Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, — United Press.

Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Talks: AUSTRALIA HAS NEW PLAN TO BYPASS GATT

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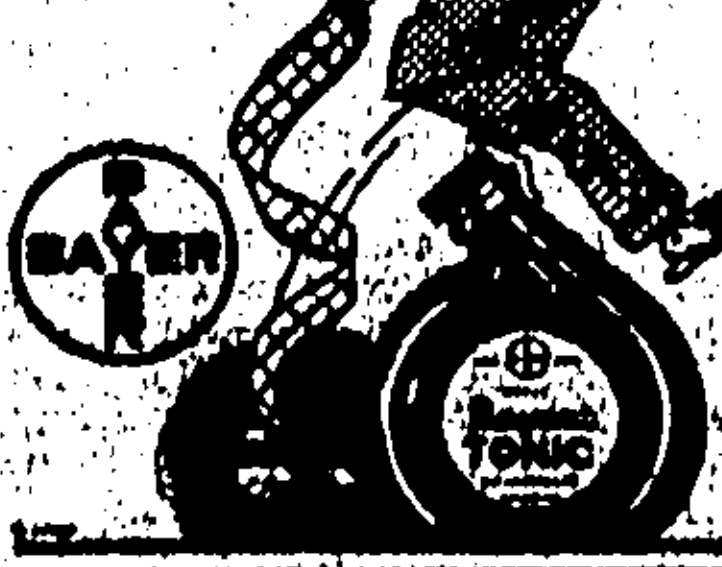
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"SYLVIA HAWKES, ex-Lady Ashley, now nearing 50, can say, for it is true, that the Duchess of Windsor calls her 'Darling'."—From one of the funnier Sunday newspapers.

What do I care what the world is thinking?
What do I care what the world may do?
The Duchess of Windsor calls me "Darling."
I wouldn't mind being fifty-two.
I'll never care when my hair is greying.
I'll never care when I'm fifty-three.
The Duchess of Windsor called me "Darling."
No one can take that away from me.
I may grow old and I may grow cranky.
I may be shrivelled, I may be fat.
The Duchess of Windsor called me "Darling."
What do you, what do you think of that?
What shall I care when I'm nearing ninety?
What shall I care when I'm ninety-one?
The Duchess of Windsor called me "Darling."
To hell with you all, I've had my fun.
Some day I must say good-bye forever.
When everyone says good-bye to me.
But the Duchess of Windsor called me "Darling."
"Oh, grave where is thy victory?"

Stars And You

NOW that Mrs. Cullen Moore is no longer writing, let Old Moore Gubbins, the discredited astrologer, take her place with a new feature.

According to the date of your birth here are your chances of romance:

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Love could have come to you from an unexpected quarter to-day except for that filthy cold that makes your nose so red. The man you might have married took one look at you and proposed to a healthy girl.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 19). Beware of jealousy this week. The girl next door has told your boy friend all about the married man with a handle-bar moustache who took you to the pictures.

Aries (March 20-April 20). If he cancelled that dinner appointment last night it was not because he was busy sitting for his mother's sister. The baby he sat with was certainly some baby. Believe me.

Taurus (April 21-May 21). Your chances of marriage are spoiled because you will straighten a man's tie and dust his shoulders with your hand after five minutes acquaintance. He either thinks you have

marked him down too soon for the altar or that he has dandruff.

Gemini (May 22-June 22). Like all Gemini's you are a girl with many personalities. A pity your men friends don't like any of them. And never will.

Cancer (June 23-July 23). You may appeal to older men, but by the time you charm works they are too old to make you a happy home. They are too old even for the Home Guard.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 23). Your planned holiday next year in France will not bring the new and exciting contacts you expect. Unless you call saying "Bon Jour" to the head waiter every morning an exciting contact.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23). Evening classes won't help you to romance. The young mathematician who sits next to you may be interested in figures, but yours is not one of them.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23). Ever heard of "When a man married his troubles begin"? You're never likely to begin any trouble for anybody.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 23). The postman's knock will never mean a love letter for you. It will always mean bills and nobody to pay them. But you, of course.

Sagittarius (Nov. 24-Dec. 21). "Always a bridesmaid, but never a blushing bride" might have been written about you. You'll need all that sense of humour as the years roll by.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). As I see it your only chance of marriage is later on in life—probably with a bigamist.

Gentlemen in Retirement

DONE all the wife's shopping, old man?
I think I've got everything but the cauliflower.

All the same, you'd better look at her list. They get pretty nasty if you forget something. I never take any chances. Everything ticked off as I buy it. I've done my grates and got in the coal. All I have to do now is go home and do the vegetables for lunch.

Well, even that's better than eating out, though I must say I enjoy a cafe lunch sometimes when the wife's away.

It's always a treat to sit down to a meal you haven't cooked yourself.

Very nice indeed, old man, if you're not eating in the same cafe as a certain person.

Mentioning a certain person with a big appetite, old man?

You know who I mean, old man. On this particular occasion I want to the cafe the day before and asked them to put Irish stew on the menu.

Your favourite dish, of course?

Asparagus, a certain person's favourite dish, too.

Do you mean to say he got to know about it?

Naturally, old man.

But how, old man?
By bush telegraph, I suppose. Anyway, you know he has nothing else to do in the morning but go round the town reading all the menus outside the hotels and cafes.

Last winter he caught a chill on the liver reading menus in a howling gale.

And I hope he gets another this winter. But there was no menu outside the cafe on this occasion, so he must have got the information from his secret agents. Unless he heard me talking about it in the hotel bar the day before.

That's more likely, old man. Anyway, as soon as I went into the bar before lunch he went out. At 12.30 p.m. sharp.

I knew because I was looking at the clock at the time. At one o'clock I went to the cafe, ordered my Irish stew, and the waitress said there was hardly any left.

At one o'clock, old man? At five past, old man. But he couldn't have eaten the lot.

I don't know. But he'd certainly eaten all the best chops. And there he was, looking half guilty and half defiant, like a cat that had stolen the cream.

And what did you have, old man?

Two bones the size of your little finger, gravy and potatoes. There ought to be a law against it, old man.

You needn't worry about laws. Nemesis will catch up with him one day.

Staring his grave with his teeth, you mean?

That's my fondest hope. So long, old man.

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'IT'S THE BEVANS. THEY WANT TO SPEND A WEEKEND WITH US NOW!'

THE WILD WEST COMES TO DEVON

By Allan Murray

SURROUNDED by lush meadows and apple orchards, Dartmoor marches for twenty desolate miles across the heart of rural Devon. It is a dreary wilderness in the middle of plenty.

Ask any Devonshire farmer whether he could make a living on the moor, and I'd lay a herd of fat dairy cows to a shrivelled cider apple he'd say no—unless he happened to be Ross Salmon.

This lanky, 31-year-old Englishman has his own answer. But he is no ordinary farmer.

After wartime service as a Fleet Air Arm pilot he spent five years in South America as a cowboy. Now he intends to try out in Devon what he learned about raising beef on the tropical uplands of Venezuela.

On the bleak, high face of Dartmoor, notorious for its fortress-like penit-

land he has secured grazing rights over 100,000 acres. This concession will cost him ten shillings a year for every beast he ranches on the moor. With luck, he believes he could eventually build up a herd of 1,000 head.

"They won't compete with the best beef animals," he admits, "but they would supply 300 tons of beef a year from land which now raises no beef at all. What's more, they would make me a living in the way I want to make one."

Can he succeed? Neighbouring farmers, who turn out their sleek dairy herds on the moor for only two months in the year, shake their heads and chuckle sceptically. But Ross Salmon is going ahead with his experiment.

Main problem is to find a breed of animal hardy enough to stay out in all weathers. Last summer Salmon bought a small 75-acre farm on the edge of the moor. Here he has been cross-breeding prime beef cattle—Herefords and Devon—with strains like the Galloway and the Highland, used to cold weather and sparse grazing.

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he buys it. If not, he pays nothing.

Reason for these cautious glimmers of official interest is that higher meat production, preached on all sides, demands the use of Britain's marginal land.

And there is a great deal of that. Not only in Scotland and Devon, but in the Peak District and large slices of the Midlands, in Sussex and Somerset, on the Yorkshire moors and the Welsh hills. Britain has millions of neglected acres too poor for the plough and uncropped by livestock.

Crazy Gamble?

EVEN in the cautious official view the Scottish Highlands alone could maintain 30,000 cattle, which would raise the country's beef supplies by 30,000 tons a year.

Is Ross Salmon's Dartmoor adventure a crazy gamble or a key to the unexplored possibilities of Britain's marginal land? "Wait and see" is the official reaction. And Ross Salmon has no fault to find with that, for he agrees that Dartmoor is a stiff challenge to his ranching know-how.

But he means business. And, if results depend on determination, Ross Salmon has what it takes.

In Venezuela he learned cow-punching the hard way, rose rapidly to ranch manager. In primitive Indian country, four days by mule ride from his nearest white neighbour, he

ranching 3,000 head of cattle. Then his career came to a full stop when his light aeroplane crashed on a jungle airstrip. The pilot was killed and Salmon never expected to reach civilization alive.

With a brain haemorrhage and fractured skull, broken jaw and smashed ribs, he was passed from one tribe of Indians to another before he reached a hospital a week later.

There his condition was so serious that the British Consul called for his family. But he survived and went home to spend a year in a London hospital.

"You will never do a full day's work again," the doctors told him. But they were wrong.

Never Busier

WITH a shy, Gary Cooper-type grin, Ross Salmon admits he has never been busier.

Since leaving hospital a year ago he has married, written two books about his South American experiences, and settled down to his latest ranching adventure.

"I prefer two feet in the stirrups to one in the grave," he says.

How high does he rate his own chances of making a livelihood from ranching?

"When I asked him this, he reminded me what people say when a convict escapes from Dartmoor Prison: 'He won't get far; the moor always wins.' 'They say the same about me,' he grinned 'and of course they may be right.' 'But people said that about

FADING STARS

★ Once Mae Marsh was one of Hollywood's brightest stars. The other day she appeared on the screen again—in a tiny part in a big film. What has happened to the other once-famous stars? Here is a report from a man who went to find out.

by GUY AUSTIN

WHEN 20th Century Fox recently presented "The Robe" at Hollywood's greatest premiere in years, there were probably not 20 people in the audience—which included many of the surviving great names of early movies—who recognised an actress in the film playing a 60-second scene with Victor Mature.

She is Mae Marsh, star of the famous D. W. Griffith film, "The Birth of a Nation," and for years one of the biggest names of the silent pictures.

In "The Robe," Mae Marsh received no screen credit. Today she is doing bit parts at about £10 a day—when she gets the work. She is now Mrs Lee Arms, the mother of a 33-year-old daughter and a lawyer son.

Another once-famous actress, Mae Clarke (20 years ago she was the heroine of countless movies) came into the news recently when she was given a suspended sentence for having forgotten to report earnings of 39 dollars (about £19), while drawing unemployment compensation. Today she plays bit parts in TV movies.

"Things have got me down once in a while," she says, "but I can face anything. The big drop from star to bit player is something I can accept philosophically."

What about other great names of the silent movies, the survivors of Hollywood's lush and plush days?

Clara Bow, original "IT Girl," has been in a sanatorium at Santa Monica, California, for some years now. Married to former cowboy-actor Rex Bell, she is the mother of two sons, aged 19 and 15. She now sees no one but her family.

VAMP

Theda Bara, most famous "vamp" of the silent movies, lives quietly in Beverly Hills with her husband and former director, Liverpool-born Charles Brabin. She makes no public appearances, attends no premieres or social functions.

Recently, when a producer of TV films wished to talk to her about a possible appearance, it was reported that she remained on one side of the screen, while her interviewer sat on the other side. He never saw her.

The sad news is that Theda Bara is losing her sight.

Fay Wray, petite star of the film "King Kong," was formerly married to writer John Monk Saunders, now is the wife of former director Robert Bliskin. She played her last film role in Small Town Girl, a musical that starred 20-year-old Jane Powell.

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Corinne Griffith, the Ava Gardner of her day, is married to George Marshall, millionaire owner of a baseball team. She spends her time now writing books. Colleen Moore is also married to a millionaire, Mr Homer Hargraves.

WITNESS

Mary Miles Minter, "a second Mary Pickford," was the central figure of Hollywood's most famous unsolved murder—that of director William Desmond Taylor, found dead in 1921 with a bullet in his heart.

She was the principal witness at the inquest. The scandal ended her film career.

Forty years ago Mary Miles Minter tried to come back. Some years ago she opened an interior decorator's shop in Beverly Hills. It failed. She now operates a similar shop at Laguna Beach.

Betty Byrne, the original "Queen of Sheba," is still listed in the professional directories, still hopes for roles. Pola Negri, who became a U.S. citizen, never appears in public, refuses to be interviewed, but has a home with a swimming pool in Beverly Hills.

Billie Dove, star in the '20s of "The Covered Wagon" and countless other films, does not try to cover up her greying hair, but is still beautiful. She is married to wealthy socialite Robert Kynaston, has a grown-up son and daughter.

Clara Kimball Young is still trying for parts and appears in small roles from time to time. Laura La Plante, star of the original silent "Show Boat," has been married for many years to producer Irving Asher.

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Many sportsmen have tough periods in their careers. Even the greatest stars have spells when nothing goes right, and they wonder whether it's all worth while.

But few have had the experiences of footballer Bill Dodgin. He has met with two bad spells in a year, overcome both, and he's only 22.

And just how successfully Bill has weathered the storms can be seen from his selection as captain of the "Young England" side, composed of players under 23, to play the Italians at Bologna on January 20.

Bill's troubles arose because his father is a football manager. All managers want to turn out the best team they can, so when Bill Dodgin senior, then in charge at Fulham, noticed that young Bill, who'd been playing at right back, had the makings of a top-class centre-half, he switched him to that position.

That meant dropping England international Jim Taylor. The Fulham fans were up in arms. "Favouritism" was the cry. And Bill's slightest errors were treated like major catastrophes.

UNBEARABLE STRAIN

A line-up player might have remained unaffected. But Bill, only 20, found it an unbearable strain. He asked for a transfer. The Fulham directors appreciated his position, but no club likes losing good players, especially young ones. They refused the application, hoping that the trouble would blow over.

Instead, it became worse, and Bill asked to be dropped. This time his request was granted. So also was his transfer application, a month later.

Many clubs joined the queue for his signature. He chose one

with a reputation for centre halves and fast dealing—Arsenal. That was in December 1952. The following April, with first team centre-half Ray Daniel, Bill made his first Division debut. It was an instant success and there were no more fears that his Fulham experiences might have affected his play.

Ray Daniel's close-season transfer meant that at the beginning of this season Bill, seven months an Arsenal man, was a regular first team player.

FATES WERE UNKIND

Just 22, he stood on the threshold of a great career. Again, however, the fates were unkind.

Remember the disastrous start Arsenal made to the season? After eight games they had only two points, and in the eighth match, they conceded seven goals to Sunderland.

What a time for a newcomer to establish his place! Bill compared himself with Arsenal's previous centre halves, Ray Daniel, Leslie Compton, Bernard Joy and Herbert Roberts. Not surprisingly he found the comparison unfavourable.

He blamed himself for the Arsenal decline. But really it was no one player's fault. The team just could not get going.

After the Sunderland debacle, however, Bill once again sought an unwelcome interview with the manager and asked to be dropped.

Came a typical Tom Whittaker reply: "Bill, you're an Arsenal player now, and Arsenal will decide when you are not worth your place."

STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

This simple, but complete, answer restored Bill's confidence. That day he had gone from strength to strength, and Arsenal's jump from bottom to sixth place in the First Division is a measure of his improvement.

Selection as captain of the Young England side is the ultimate reward for his consistent good form. But Arsenal supporters have already given him a nick-name that means just as much.

They call him "Big Head." Anywhere else this might be uncomplimentary. But coming from the Highbury terraces it is the highest praise. It is the title previously conferred on that other great Arsenal centre-half and idol of the fans—Leslie Compton.

(London Express Service)

Olson To Defend Title Against Kid Gavilan

Chicago, Jan. 12. Carl (Robo) Olson will defend his world middle-weight boxing title against Kid Gavilan, of Cuba, the World Featherweight Champion, here on April 2, Mr Jim Norris, President of the International Boxing Club announced today.

He said Olson would receive 35 per cent of the receipts, and Gavilan 25 per cent. The 15-round contest would be nationally televised, but with Chicago blocked out.

Olson has not fought since winning the vacant title by out-pointing Randolph Turpin, British Champion, in New York last October.

Gavilan's last bout was in November against Johnny Bratton (Chicago), when for the seventh time he successfully defended his title.—Reuter.

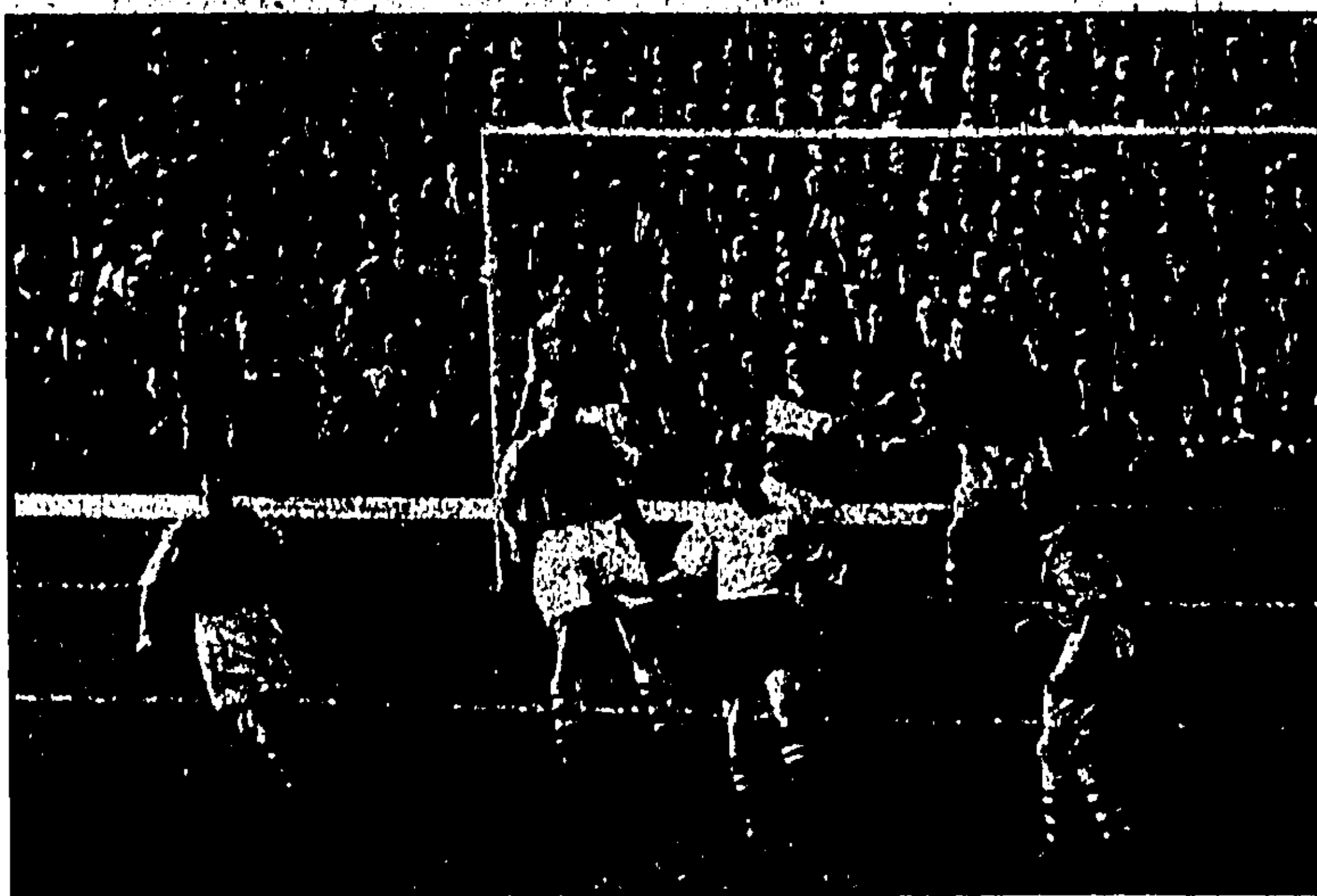
OPEN FAR EAST AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP FOR LADIES AT MANILA

The country's top women golfers, including possible foreign entries, will compete in the first Far East Women's Amateur Golf Championships which will get underway simultaneously with the men's competition on February 18 at Wack Wack Fairways.

The Ladies Championship is open to all women amateurs and will consist of 54 holes, to be played in accordance with United States amateur rules. At stake in this tournament are trophies which will be awarded to the champion, runner-up and third place winners.

The Wack Wack Club announced that overseas entries desiring accommodation for the duration of the tournament may communicate with the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club, P.O. Box 129, Manila.

"BIG HEAD"—IT'S THE



At centre-half, Bill Dodgin is the key man in the Arsenal defensive "wall". Here, second from the left, he stands between colleagues Joe Mercer (left) and Walley Barnes, helping to repel a Preston attack. — Express Photo.

SPOTLIGHTING THE THREE-YEAR-OLDS OF 1954

Wylve Valley Looks Tough But Must Find Extra Pace

By JAMES PARK

The Macdonald-Buchanans breed their horses on the best lines but have had little luck in the past few years. They have such a choice collection of mares that it is bound to change. Wylve Valley won one race for Major Macdonald-Buchanan, but, at 8st. 3lb., the colt is no better than second class.

He is well made and an honest-to-goodness workman, but I could not conscientiously say more for him than that.

There is a tough look about him which suggests he will stand up to any amount of hard work. He should train on well, and may be suited by the longer distances he will tackle in his second season.

If he could find a bit extra pace it would be all to his advantage, but unless he can do so, he may not soar above handicap rank.

I should say Captain Boyd-Rochford was disappointed with the American-bred Blue Prince II. The colt gave the impression early on that he would make much progress.

He appeared to have much scope for improvement when winning the Woodcote Stakes at Epsom but did not show any

advance on that form. He was a good market order in the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot, but found the pace too fast all the way.

He ran a fair race behind The Pic King at Goodwood, but was a failure in subsequent races. A deep bodied colt, I was at a loss to account for such unfulfilled promise.

He should make up into a powerful three-year-old and it may be he will show to more advantage in races which permit him to settle down in his own time. He is in the three classic races for colts but I am afraid is not up to that class.

Fair Risk has speed in excess of stamina. He is a delightful moulter and one of the best to date sired by Faircy Fulmar. Fair Risk kept his form from start to the finish of the season.

In early May he made a good fight of it with the very fit National Trust at Sandown, and over six furlongs at Epsom was a winner everywhere until almost the last stride.

BEST EFFORT

The best effort by Fair Risk may have been when he beat the fast filly, Big Berry, at Manchester. At that he had 9lb. the better of the weights on a weight-for-age basis.

I put Fair Risk in the sprinting class. He has good initial speed and in the right company will hold his own up to six furlongs. Being by a Mieux mare, he ought to stay further, but I doubt whether he will.

Golden Lion is of the same type as Fair Risk. A Golden Cloud gelding, he is bred for speed and is not lacking in that quality. From the time he struck form Golden Lion never ran a bad race. He might have won at Kempton in July at five furlongs but the task of giving weight to Stealth and Roman Air over the sixth furlong was a little too much.

It was a brave effort when, with 9st 6lb in the saddle, he dead-heated with Noble Charger (rec. 10lb.) at Newbury and to the end of the season Golden Lion sustained his form.

The former cross-country jockey, C. Mitchell, kept his charge in good heart and, if he winters well, the gelding is just the type to pick up a nice handicap.

BETTER COLT WON

Rokimos is in the same ownership as Fair Risk, but is in a different stable, Victor Smyth

has charge of Rokimos and as the race was run the trainer thought the colt should have beaten Barton Street at Sandown in October.

The light was bad that day, but Rokimos had a nice advantage half-way up the straight. Had the jockey crossed over to the rails there would not have been room for Barton Street to get through. However, the luck came the way of the challenger and there is no doubt that the better colt won.

It was when Rokimos raced over longer distances in the autumn that he showed his best form, and that suggests he may stay more than a mile as a three-year-old. He will always be easy to pick out as he has a lot of white about the legs.

(London Express Service)

EXPERTS PREDICT A LATIN COUNTRY WILL WIN THE WORLD SOCCER CUP

Zurich, Jan. 12. With eight of the 16 countries which will battle for the World Soccer Championship in Switzerland this summer already known, experts here today freely predicted the title would go once again to a Latin country.

Although Brazil and Spain have not yet completed their elimination round ties, it was confidently forecast that these two teams would join the seeded title-holder, Uruguay, to provide three of the four semi-finalists and the two finalists.

Hungary — unbeaten in international competition for the past two years — would offer the only really tough competition to the three Latin teams, the experts said. The consensus was that Uruguay would retain the title, but narrowly.

Uruguay and the host country Switzerland are automatically qualified for the final rounds. The six other teams already assured of a trip to the are Belgium, England, France, former winter sports country, Austria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The 16-team line-up was expected to be completed with Germany, Spain, Italy, Yugoslavia, Mexico, Scotland, Brazil and Japan.

Spain has already beaten Turkey in Group Six of the elimination rounds and needs

Soccer's Player Of The Year Is Sam Bartram Or Ronnie Burgess

Says W. CAPEL KIRBY

A number of long-standing Cup Final eve functions will suffer unless the Football Association co-operates by fixing an early kick-off for the England v. England "Under 23's" match at Highbury on April 30.

One, of course, is the traditional gathering of referees and line-men from all parts of the country to honour the Cup Final referee, who could well be Alf Bond if all the London clubs have taken the point before the semi-final.

Another function likely to be affected is the Football Writers' annual dinner and statuette presentation to their "Footballer of the Year," the choice of which becomes increasingly difficult.

Personally, I should like to see loyalty rewarded, and in this respect two names readily come to mind—Ronnie Burgess, Wales and Spurs, and Sam Bartram, of Charlton, the best goalkeeper never capped for England.

NOBODY TOLD HIM!

Ask Sam Bartram which was the most amusing incident of his long career and it's odds on him recalling a certain foggy Christmas morning at Stamford Bridge when nobody bothered to let him know the referee had abandoned the match and left him on his lonesome between the sticks.

"I thought it had gone all quiet like," said Sam when he eventually reached the dressing-room. He also said some more, but we won't go into that.

NOW THEY KNOW

Oldham Athletic supporters now know what is meant by a club not being ready for promotion. Any other time George Hardwick could have consolidated playing strength, but not just now when there's neither talent nor sentiment in the game.

What of Hardwick's future? I gather the condition of signing as player-manager was a three years' managerial agreement after he ceases playing.

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

On the advice of player-manager Ivor Powell, names of five amateurs on Bradford City's books have gone down in my little book for future reference.

They are Martin Bakes (inside forward), George Rogerson (goal), Peter Sheridan, Joe Ramsden, and Percy Schofield (full-backs) . . . all in the 17 age group.

"Don't be surprised if Bakes and Rogerson get a League team outing in the near future," says Ivor, who faced up to this

weekend's programme with five first team men on the injured list.

Here's a tip for some enterprising manager. Selling home after two years in South Africa is a useful inside-forward scheme named Bill Clancy. My informant tells me he's the goods and much improved since Southampton signed him as an amateur. Age, 23.

REMEMBER NANKEVILLE

While Gordon Pirie fully merits the honours heaped upon him, let us not forget the magnificence of Bill Nankeville, who gave me my biggest thrill in 1933.

I'm not often guilty of unprofessional conduct, but confess to shouting myself hoarse when in that never-to-be-forgotten last leg of the 4 x 1,500 Metres Relay. Bill played out and mouse with his Swedish opponent, yet still had enough running left to come away and break the world record by three seconds.

The other three runners that September night were R. H. Dunkley, Pirie and D. C. Law and it was the sporting feat of the year, because nobody thought it possible in the absence of Bannister and Chataway.

MCC bosses stuck out their necks by suggesting Brisbane be by-passed for the next Test series. In the circumstances who in Lancashire could complain if Australia countered with a request to play at Edgbaston instead of Old Trafford?

WITH A MORAL

Here's a story with a moral for all sportsmen resolved to put Britain back on the map. Celestine golfer Alf Fudgham offered me a lift from a football match recently, and clambering into the back seat, I sat on something painfully hard which turned out to be a squash racket.

"Surely you don't play that strenuous game?" I inquired. "I certainly do, but only gently. Got to keep it, you know," replied 47-year-old Padgham, who had played a round of golf in the morning, relaxed watching football in the afternoon and had a squash date in the evening.

"Any snow up your way this morning, Fred?" "Yes, up to my knees," replies Fred Hall to this regular morning leg-pull of his Sunderland team colleagues. Actually it's a crack at the Roker Park old-timer living away up at Stanley, but says Fred: "It suits me to be up there out of town with just my alder and my pigeons for company."

Fred, who has made a first-team comeback at full-back and now centre half, is an expert on racing pigeons.

APPRECIATED

Seasonal greetings which were really appreciated have been sent from Sheffield Wednesday to their former centre-forward, unlucky Derek Dooley.

The Wednesday Christmas box to Dooley was contained in a decision to make their opening floodlight match a benefit affair for the lad who lost a leg last season.

Wednesday realise that the first floodlight match in Sheffield will draw a terrific attendance. And they know that most clubs rely on their first few matches under lights to pay for the installation.

Teams in opposition will be a combined Sheffield Wednesday-United XI and an international side. That could mean receipts exceeding £7,000.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again — well played, Wednesday."

DUBLIN WILL BE PROUD

Junior team Ormeau (Dublin) has produced a goalkeeper described by Wolves manager Stan Cullis as "good enough to go in the first team right away."

He's 18 and his name is Noel Dwyer.

The Dublin boy was sent to Molineux for a month's trial but Cullis produced a professional form after one week.

Several Scottish footballers on the books of Southern League club Linlithgow took a day off recently to watch the All Blacks Rugby tourists play in Wales. Commented one after the game: "I wouldn't play that game for £40 a week."

One of the most-wanted centre-forwards in football is York City's local 19-year-old, David Dunmore. Manager Jimmy McCormack, former Spurs winger, says: "We've turned down all inquiries and we don't want to part with him."

But unless gates improve York may be forced to sell.

A statement that Tommy Lawton was advising and coaching the Highbury forwards these days brought this crack from a provincial club manager: "I wish I could afford to pay £10,000 for someone to advise my team."

In a football match report I spotted the following: "Gates-which again provided sparkling entertainment—in a faultless match-winning display. Attendance, 4,584. No comment."

Times have changed since Rugby League football was frowned on in the Services. The Coldstream Guards—they should be big enough—are forming a team and already they've thrown out a challenge to any other regiment or Royal Air Force unit at the 13-a-side code.

Any takers?

MUST BE HARD UP

I wonder if Bristol City manager Pat Beasley sent a Christmas card to Rhyl. Pat still hasn't forgotten having to stump up 7s. 6d. each to give his players tickets at the recent Cup-tie.

Says Beasley: "At least one ticket per player is the normal gesture when you deal with League clubs—but I was told that Rhyl needed the money."

Having transferred Len Boyd, Alex Cowan and Gordon Astall to Birmingham, Plymouth Argyle manager Jimmy Rhee asks every Saturday night: "How did Birmingham Argyle go on?"

Ordinary routine training is taboo for 30 of Billy Walker's most promising Nottingham Forest youngsters. Each of the lads is given a ball and told: "Play on your own until you can really control it."

Says manager Walker: "When they've learned how to do that they can join in with the seniors."

THOSE GOOD OLD DAYS! This last was the 52nd Christmas—and the last one—that secretary Joss Holmes spent as a member of Derbyshire County F.A. He retires in June. Now 82, Joss tells me he can remember an FA Club semi-final when only two officials were on the game.

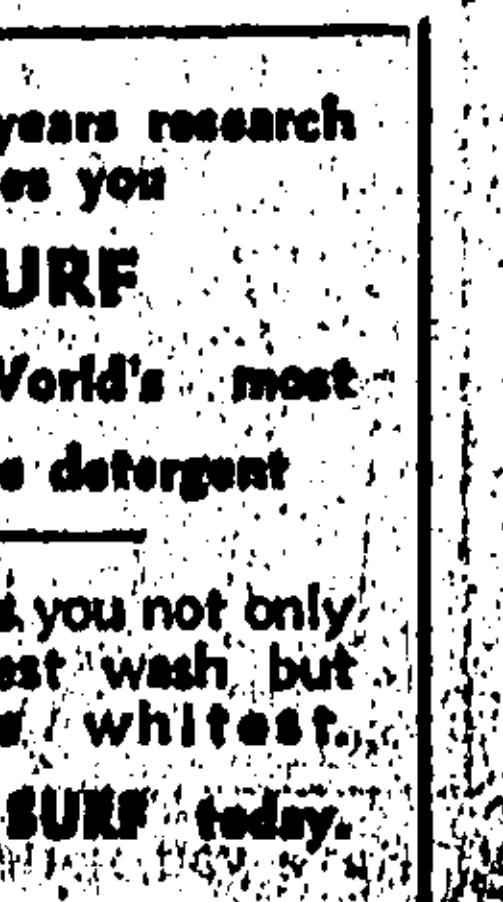
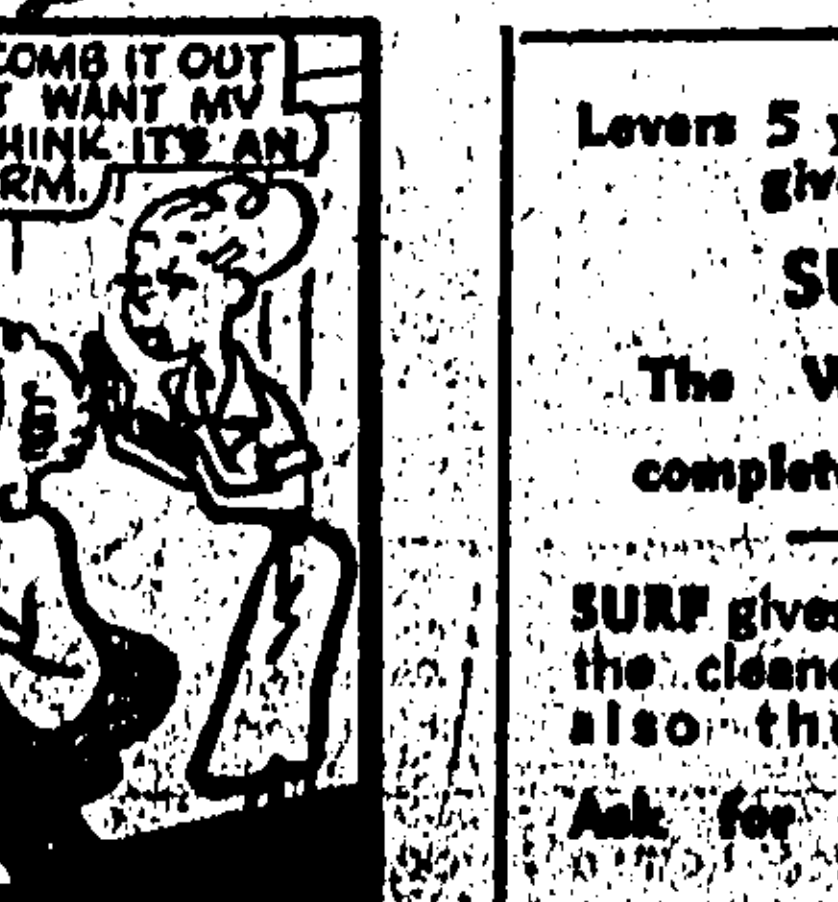
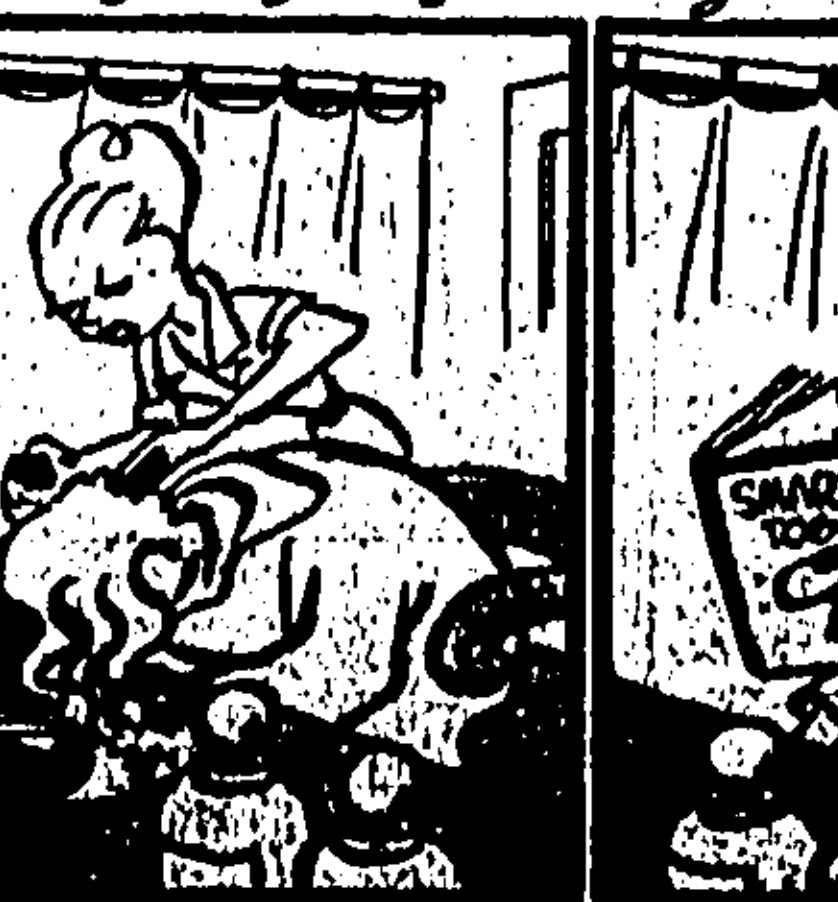
One threw the coppers in a basin while the other tore tickets off a roll.

Sunderland officials are worried about a corporation transport switch — over from trams to buses. As one director told me: "Nothing can shift a big crowd better than a train. There's going to be chaos out-side Roker Park when they scrap them."

Might I suggest that a continuation of Sunderland's present form will solve all crowd dispersal problems!

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by BARRY APPLEY



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THE CHANGING SCENE IN LAWN TENNIS

THE ALL-THE-YEAR-ROUND EXPENSES RULE MAY COST AUSTRALIA THE DAVIS CUP

Says DENNIS HART

So the Australian lawn tennis monopoly continues. Beating America 3-2 at Melbourne in the Davis Cup Challenge Round, they enter their fourth year as holders of the trophy.

But the closeness of their victory raises the question "How long will their superiority last?"

The end, I fancy, is in sight. Indeed, next December may well see the trophy being shipped back to the United States.

Are the Americans then, likely to discover a new world-beater in the next twelve months?

On the contrary, the Melbourne match stamped Australia's Lawn Tennis as the game's No. 1 player, and one who may remain on top for many years.

No, Australia may lose the

trophy, not through lack of ability, but through the change that has overtaken the game by the introduction of the all-the-year-round expenses rule.

WAS EASIER

In the past, players were able to draw expenses for only eight weeks in the year. So their play was limited and as tourna-

ments were consequently few, it was easier for one player to dominate the world scene. In the 20s it was "Big Bill" Tilden. So complete was his mastery that America won the Davis Cup seven years in succession.

Came Jean Borotra, the "Bouncing Basque," and it was France's turn. They took the trophy and held it for the next six years to be followed by a four-year British monopoly when Fred Perry held sway.

Success has gone in cycles ever since the competition began in 1900. Only three times has a country lost it at the first defence—Britain 1912, America 1913 and Australia in 1940.

Had the old expense rule still operated, I should have tipped Australia to hold the trophy for another four years. For Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall, the strongest combination in the world, are only 19 and at the threshold of their prime.

But, the whole picture has changed. With expenses paid the year round, the world's top players follow the sun, playing each other from January to December in all parts of the globe.

LEVELLING-OUT

Some of the competitors at 1953's Wimbledon had hardly had a break in two and a half years. The result is a gradual levelling-out in standards. One player can no longer hope to dominate the scene.

In 1953, for example, most of the leading players beat each other in various tournaments. One of the key matches in the Davis Cup was the one in which Hoad beat Wimbledon Champion Vic Seixas. Yet in the preceding few months Seixas had beaten Hoad in seven successive meetings.

It was just bad luck for America that Hoad was able to produce his top form at Melbourne while Seixas struck a bad patch.

Of course, there will still be outstanding performers who will win more times than most, and "the league". But like the leaders of all leagues, they will suffer occasional defeat. And as with Seixas they may well occur in the Davis Cup.

Next December it could be Australia's turn. Hoad and Rosewall may blaze a trail of success in tournaments all over the world only to fall to their Challenge Round opponents.

GOOD FOR THE GAME?

Is the change good for the game? Well, the players like it. They are able to spend all their time playing the game they love. With playing standards higher—except for occasional periods of slowness—the new system also benefits spectators.

So everyone is happy—or almost everyone. There are some for whom precision play is not everything; those who like a touch of sentiment with their sport.

They sigh for the old days when champions were legendary figures and reigned supreme. But still, there's no satisfying everybody.

(—London Express Service)

Racing In Malaya Continues To Be A Multi-Million Dollar Industry

Singapore, Jan. 12. Racing in Malaya continued to be a multi-million dollar "industry" last year in spite of the gloomy outlook in the country's economy.

Statistics from four turf clubs in Malaya show that during the year race-goers betted almost M\$60,000,000 on the totalisator and sweepstakes.

The total paid out in stake money was \$4,294,080, a drop of more than \$1,000,000 from the peak year of 1952.

The average value of a race in 1953 was \$9,238, which was higher than anywhere else in the British Commonwealth.

The Federation of Malaya and Singapore Governments between them netted about \$7,500,000 in various forms of taxation.

OWNERS' LEAN SEASON: Race-horse owners generally had a lean season last year in spite of the fact that prize money will exceed the cost of the upkeep of all horses in the

TOMMY ATKINS'

Army Sports Parade

Top of the Tommy Atkins' Sports Parade this week is Captain Petty by reason of his brilliant century innings for the Army 'B' team against Recreio 'B' on Saturday last. Opening the innings, Captain Petty had a hundred on the board before being out to a good catch. The side bettered their opponents' score of 176 for the loss of only 3 wickets.

There has been a quick response to the call for entries for the Land Forces Boxing Championships. Entries from 10 units nominate 63 fighters and by the time all unit entries have been received it looks like we shall see a record figure reached.

A most unusual coincidence took place in a local cricket match the other day and I have to acknowledge the co-operation of one of the umpires who sent the particulars to me.

Feeling a medium speed right arm bowler, a left hand batsman sent one ball straight back to the bowler's end and shattered the stumps. These were soon adjusted and the bowler sent down a similar ball with exactly the same result.

My informant suggests that this is a most unusual incident which rarely happens twice in a match, let alone twice in successive balls.

HOCKEY DRAW

The draw for the Land Forces Hockey Championship was made during the week and resulted as follows:

1st Round (To be played before January 30):

1. Welch vs. 7 RTR.

24. Fd. Engrs. vs. 20th Fd. Regt. RA.

HK Sigs. vs. RASC.

RAFC vs. 170 Lt. Bty. RA.

2nd Round (To be played by February 13):

1. Norfolks. vs. 2/2 Gurkha Rifles.

1200 AOP vs. 33 General Hospital.

1 Kings vs. 1 Dorsets.

72 LAA Bty. RA. vs. 173 Lcc. Bty. RA.

HQFC vs. 27 HAA Bty. RA.

RE Corps. Tps. vs. AA Workshops.

3rd Round of the Competition is scheduled to be completed by February 27. The semi-finals will take place on March 10 and the Final on March 31.

A consolation Plate Competition is being run and the possible to abandon the 1st and 2nd rounds of the Competition proper.

This week I have had news for basketball enthusiasts. Due to pressure of commitments it has not after all been found possible to go ahead with the plans for the new league competition as I stated last week. This will be a big disappointment to the seven entrants but according to my information the decision to abandon the league was only taken after every possibility had been explored.

Present plans are that next season a basketball league will be considered before the knock-out competition is launched.

The golf match against the Pegasus visitors sponsored by the Army Golf Association provided a very happy afternoon although the projected eight-a-side match did not go on.

There was one tussle between Dr. Thompson and Jimmy Potts on the one side and Mr. O. Davies, Captain of the Club, and Major Erick, Secretary of the Army Association, on the other. This was a most enjoyable match and finished all-square.

The Pegasus players were loud in their praise of the hospitality extended to them on this occasion and the hosts were equally loud in their praise of Jimmy Potts as a star dice player.

Potts crammed an amazing amount of activity into his few days in the Colony. He played in all three soccer matches, scored a century in the cricket match, distinguished himself on the golf course and departed the undisputed dice champion of Fanning, and against Army opposition too.

AMONG THE WICKETS

'Demon' Dowling was among the wickets again at the weekend, but his fine analysis of 8 for 50 failed to save the Army 'A' side from its second defeat of the season. Recreio beat them by 3 wickets and the soldiers are now faced with a tough fight for the championship.

Their lead has been cut to points and with 6 games still to be played it is a very slender margin indeed.

getting in some good early season competition and a chance to judge themselves against the best local talent.

The Colony Open Squash Tournament is now under way and with a strong contingent of Army players in the draw it is hoped that there will be several military representatives in the later stages of the Competitions. Lt-Col. Sullivan is an established player but I am told that several of the younger competitors from the Army are expected to claim a share of the limelight. Major Kyt's early defeat was most unexpected.

Progress is being made in the Major and Minor Unit soccer knockout competitions. 1 Welch and 1 Norfolks have now passed through into the next round at the expense of 24 Fd. Engineers and 2/2 Gurkhas respectively.

The powerful 7 Tanks side will be in town this afternoon for their game against 72 LAA Bty. RA which will be played at Gun Club Barracks. Another good game should be seen when 14th Field Regt. RA meet 1 Dorsets on January 18.

In the Minor Units Competition, Command Workshops; 8 Coy. RASC; CPO; 137 HAA Bty. RA; 50 Coy. RASC; and 11 Inf. Workshops have passed into the next round. Two games will be decided this afternoon—170 Lt. Bty. RA v. AA Workshops and HQFC v. 23 HAA Bty. RA.

The following games are listed to take place on January 10: RMP v. HKCTU and 18 Jd. Pk. Sqdn. RE v. 20 HAA Bty. RA. Some other games are still outstanding, and those responsible are asked to get them played off as soon as possible in order that the competition is not held up.

NEWS FOR GOLFERS

And now two items of news for golfers. The usual monthly meeting of the Association will take place at Fanning on January 27 when the competition will be a Stapleford with points awarded for individual scores at each hole.

A good turnout of members is requested, and, as is usual at these meetings, golfers from other services will be welcome.

The second round of the Combined Services Championships will take place on Thursday and Friday, February 11 and 12. Entry forms have been sent to known golfers but if anyone wishes to compete does not receive his form by January 20 he should contact Major Erick, Camp Commandant HQFC (Tel. 34121 Ex. 438). This item applies to the golfers of all three services.

A good night's boxing should be seen at the Mission to Seamen tomorrow night. With so much talent in the Army it is surprising to hear that the only soldier to be seen in action is Pte. Dadman who has done so well recently. I know several military fighters who would be glad of the chance to take part in these excellent promotions, provided an approach was made to the military authorities for their services.

A rumour that is current in the Colony at the moment is that the Army soccer side from the United Kingdom is coming here on tour. Enquiries reveal that there is no available information that such a tour has even been considered at home and it is thought most unlikely that the Army team, which is committed to a very heavy programme, would make such a long tour.

Many soccer fans would be delighted to see this all-professional side in action against local opposition, but it is very doubtful if they will have that pleasure this season at least.

SNIPPETS: The Army had representatives in the English, Scottish and Welsh sides that took part in the International Rugby Competition at the weekend. Athletes are now to be seen loitering up for the forthcoming season. Unit meetings are revealing some useful talent. Gannon of the Kings is a new name in Army soccer circles. He comes with a good recommendation from Captain Fortune, erstwhile Army top-liner, who should know a good player when he sees one. The struggle for leadership in the local Davis League is becoming much tighter. Teams are running neck and neck for the title. Reports indicate that 20th Fd. Regt. RA have some outstanding sportsmen in their ranks...and two particularly good soccer players.

FA CUP REPLAY

London, Jan. 12. Ipswich Town beat Oldham Athletic 1-0 in their FA Cup third round replay at Oldham today.

Ipswich will now be at home to Arsenal in the fourth round. Arsenal will have to be at home to Birmingham City in the fifth round and to Manchester City in the sixth round.

OUR NEXT SOCCER VISITORS

Koege Boldklub's Standard On Par With That Of Djurgardens

Copenhagen, Jan. 12.

Hongkong's representative soccer sides, with memories of their crushing defeats at the hands of the Swedish club, Djurgardens, still fresh, are not likely to find a great difference in standard of play when the Danish Koege Boldklub arrive in the Colony about February 1 for a series of three games with the best that Hongkong can offer.

Hailing from the small Danish town of Koege, about 40 Kilometres from the capital of Copenhagen, the team is at present leading the Danish national competition (1953-54) season, which started in September last year.

They finished second in this competition in the 1952-53 season and they occupied fourth place in 1952-53.

The Danes will play several games on their way to Hongkong. First stop will be at Nicosia in Cyprus, where a game will be played on January 17.

Between January 21 and 21, they will play five matches in Indo-China—in Saigon and Hanoi.

This will be followed by the three games in Hongkong before the Danes leave for home on February 10.

The Koege team is a strong and closely-knit unit—but there has been a lot of criticism of the inside-left, 26-year-old Lelt Petersen, who is too fond of individual play for the Danish crowds.

There is, however, a good team spirit and both the right-wing forward, 21-year-old Erik Nielsen, and better still, centre-half Poul Andersen (25) are renowned for the accuracy of their passes, which have split many a victory for the club.

Interport Hockey Trial On Saturday

The following are the two teams for the next Interport hockey trial to be held at Sookunpoo (Army Ground) on Saturday at 2.45 p.m.:

Colours:—Poniah (Argonauts), Bhagat Singh (Argonauts), Nery (Recreio), Forde (Army), Pettis (Army), C. Collette (Recreio), Gardner (YMCA), Hanit (Police), Jr Remedios (Recreio), De Cruz (Army), Anthony (RN).

Whites:—Boxall (Army) Roza (Recreio), Kelly (Army), Vieu (Recreio), Yusuf (Thunderbolts), Andrews (RAF), Stirling (Dutch), Marquis (Recreio), Ditta (Thunderbolts), Ebrahim (Thunderbolts), Gosano (Recreio). Reserves to please attend: Couto (Argonauts), L. Gutierrez (Recreio), Harris (Army), Umpriss—J. B. Goncalves; Mahan Singh.

All players should please bring a White Shirt. Colours will be supplied on the field. All queries to A.L. Nery (Tel. 73088-73070); should anyone be unavoidably detained on Saturday after 2 p.m., please ring Sookunpoo (Tel. 34121 Ext. 469).

WEEK-END MATCHES

The following are the fixtures for all Divisions of the League:—

SATURDAY

Ladies' Division: Dordans v. K.G.V. 'B' on Police Gr. Boundary St. at 2.30 p.m. (Umpires: Cpl. Taiwan, Yaqub Khan).

Recreio 'B' v. K.G.V. 'A' on Police Gr. Boundary St. at 3.45 p.m. (Umpires: Cpl. Taiwan, Yaqub Khan).

Victorians v. S.H.C. on Army Gr. Boundary St. at 3.45 p.m. (Umpires: P. P. Karter, Haza).

Grembling v. Recreio 'A' on Pool Gr. King's Park at 3 p.m. (Umpires: L. Cpl. Koege Cpl. Bakdwin).

SUNDAY

Men's First Division: Dutch v. RN on Pool Gr. Boundary St. at 2.30 p.m. (Umpires: WO 1 Bell, S/pt G. Palmer).

YMCA v. Argonauts on Army Gr. Boundary St. at 3 p.m. (Umpires: F. H. Corden, A. D. Goncalves).

Thunderbolts 'A' v. Army 'A' on Army Gr. Sookunpoo at 3 p.m. (Umpires: Mahan Singh, Cretas).

Army 'B' v. RAF on Army Gr. Sookunpoo at 2.30 p.m. (Umpires: Mahan Singh, Cretas).

Men's Second Division: Aces v. University on University Gr. Fokkhuat at 10.30 a.m. (Umpires: U. S. Dillon, J. S. Grewal).

St. Joseph's v. Recreio 'B' on Recreio Gr. King's Park at 10.30 a.m. (Umpires: BSM Turton, BSM Durkin).

Thunderbolts 'B' v. Valley Sports on Police Gr. Boundary St. at 3 p.m. (Umpires: WO 1 Bell, S/pt G. Palmer).

FUTURE FIXTURES

January 13

Ladies' Division: Dordans v. Victorians v. K.G.V. 'B' on Police Gr. Boundary St. at 2.30 p.m. (Umpires: BSM Turton, BSM Durkin).

Recreio 'A' v. Recreio 'B' v. K.G.V. 'A' v. D.G.S. on January 14

Men's First Division: Recreio 'A' v. Argonauts, RN v. Thunderbolts 'A' v. YMCA, RAF v. Dutch Army 'A' on Army Gr. Sookunpoo at 3 p.m. (Umpires: Mahan Singh, Cretas).

Men's Second Division: Aces v. Thunderbolts 'B'; Sookunpoo v. University; BSM Turton v. BSM Durkin; Valley Sports v. Recreio 'B'.

Queries regarding Umpires to Major Wharry—Tel. 34121 Ext. 469. Queries regarding Fixtures to Major Palmer—Tel. 34121 Ext. 469.

It will be seen that the above fixtures do not tally in all respects with those in the Hongkong Press. This is due to the fact that the Hongkong Press has not yet received the final list of fixtures. It is hoped that the Press will be able to publish the correct fixtures in the near future.

Colony Grass Court Championships

The Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday invited entries for the annual Colony Tennis Grass Court Championships. The tournament will commence with the singles round on Monday, February 8, at 5 p.m. Entries are invited for both singles and doubles championships and these should reach the HKCC pavilion in Chater Road by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2. Entry forms are being made available at all leading sports shops and all tennis clubs.

FLISBERG AND ROTHHOFF IN THE FINAL

Paris, Jan. 13. Tage Flisberg (Sweden) and Rene Rothhoff (France) will contest the final of the men's singles in the French Table Tennis Championships here.

In the semi-finals last night, Flisberg beat Michel Hagenauer (France) 21-14, 19-21, 21-14, 18-21, 21-15, and Rothhoff defeated Ken Craigie (Britain) 17-21, 21-10, 21-8, 22-20.

The women's singles final will be between Angelica Roseanu of Rumania, holder of the world title and Linda Werti of Austria. In the semi-finals, Roseanu beat Trude Fritzl (Austria) 21-8, 21-7, 21-14, and Werti defeated Christiane Wati (France) 21-15, 21-10, 25-23.

In the final of the mixed doubles, Angelica Roseanu, the World Women's Singles Champion, and Tiberiu Harazati of Rumania, defeated Rosalind Rowe and Victor Barna of Britain 21-18, 20-22, 12-21, 25-23, 21-16.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The Club's public stand at Happy Valley is being lent to the Hong Kong Automobile Association for a Motor Rally on Sunday, 17th January, 1954.

Members of the Jockey Club attending the Rally must wear their Member's badge otherwise they will not be admitted thereto, except on payment of the admission fee charged by the Association.

By Order,

H. MISA, Secretary.

NOTICE

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

Colony Tennis Championship

Entries are invited for the Colony Grass Court Singles and Doubles Tennis Championship to be played during the Hong Kong Cricket Club Annual Tennis Tournament commencing February 8, 1954.

Entry forms are obtainable from all Clubs and Sports Shops. Entries will close at 5 p.m. on February 2, 1954.

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XAVIER'S 9.8 NOT A RECORD

Stephen Xavier's performance of 9.8 seconds in winning the 100 Yards sprint at Boundary Street on Sunday was not accepted as a Colony record by a meeting of the HKAAA Executive Committee at the Education Department Conference Room yesterday evening.

The meeting decided to recognise Xavier's time as an outstanding performance, but would not grant it recognition as a Colony record owing to an element of doubt as to whether the following wind did or didn't exceed the limit permitted.

It was pointed out that if Xavier was capable of 9.8 seconds for the 100 Yards, he should be able to repeat this performance and will have many more opportunities to do so.

The meeting decided to investigate the possibilities of staging one or two track races in the intervals of football matches at the Caroline Hill Stadium. The Hongkong Football Association is to be approached on the matter.

The University, Army and Hongkong School Sports Association are also to be approached to permit the HKAAA to stage two or three open events at meetings, organised by these bodies.

The next meeting directly under the sponsorship of the HKAAA will be the Hongkong v. Kowloon match at Boundary Street on January 31.

The teams will be selected by a committee comprising Messrs. J. Kirkwood (Convener), Raleigh Leung, P. Cooper, V. V. Kolatchoff and an Army representative. Mr. G. S. Kennedy Skipton will arrange for the teams for the One Mile Race Walk.

Mr. P. Cooper was nominated manager of the Hongkong team and Mr. V. V. Kolatchoff of the Kowloon team.

Messrs. J. E. P. Blenkinsop and Wong Men-hing were nominated the HKAAA representatives to the Thursday meeting of the HKASF & OC.

The HKAAA's Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 20.

MCC Draw With Jamaica

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 12. The MCC cricketers drew with Jamaica in their four-day match here today.

Bad light brought an early close with the MCC 34 for one in their second innings. They had scored 288 in their first knock.

Jamaica made 187 and 328 for four declared.

They were associated in a fourth wicket stand which reached three figures.

Headley was missed twice off Laker in the morning, Moss dropping an easy catch at mid-off and Laker failing to hold a hard return.

Bailey took one of Jamaica's second innings wickets for 21; Laker two for 54; Compton one for 28.

Freddie Trueman, the Yorkshire fast bowler, failed to take a wicket in 17 overs which yielded 55 runs.—Reuter.

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Pravda, mouthpiece of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party, published an editorial today flaying several branches of state-run industry for waste and inefficiency while some other industries were praised for cutting costs and saving materials.

The editorial, quoted by Moscow radio, disclosed that many Soviet enterprises have been working at a loss.

Pravda listed as "particularly unsatisfactory" enterprises of the timber and paper industry, the coal and metallurgical plants, the transport and heavy machine building industry and the building materials industry.

Individual ministries direct these enterprises, and Pravda complained that many leading officials in the ministries and the central industrial managing bodies did not pay proper attention to the lowering of production costs.

The Communist Party newspaper signalled out for special criticism several enterprises under the control of the Ministry of Transport and the Heavy Machine Building industry.

Pravda said the Ministry for the production of building materials had "lagged behind the plan" for several years.

The paper added: "Enterprises of this Ministry use much more fuel than planned and produce an excessive quantity of scrap."

"The cement industry used 70,000 tons of fuel above plan (more than was estimated), while scrap production caused a loss of 34,000,000 roubles. (The Soviet fixed exchange rate is 11.2 roubles to £1.)"

"Building carried out by the Ministry of Construction usually cost much more than estimated."—Reuter.

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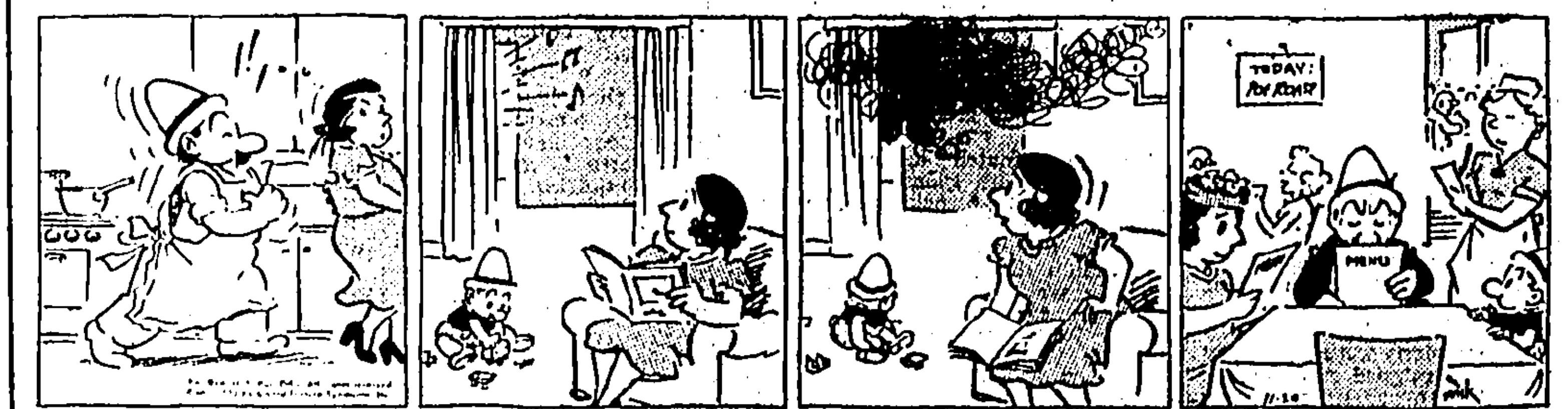
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FOA To Meet In Manila In February

Washington, Jan. 12.
The Foreign Operations Administration (FOA) announced today that it would call a meeting in Manila in February of all directors of its operations missions in the Far East.

Mr. Harold Stassen, head of the FOA, is expected to attend. The Foreign Operations Administration handles the bulk of United States foreign aid. The purpose of such a meeting will be to discuss current programmes in various countries of the Far East and to make plans for the remainder of this year.

The programmes involve projects in agriculture, health, education, public administration, natural resources and transport. "They are all designed to increase the standard of living in the various countries through teaching local technicians to carry on the work in the various fields of activities," said an official announcement. Contributions to the joint programmes average more than three times that of the United States.

The Manila meeting is one of several which Mr. Stassen plans to hold in various regions. One will be held in Lima, Peru, starting on January 15. "The entire spot regional meetings have been arranged by FOA as part of its programme to decentralize operations and delegate authority to the field personnel," said the announcement. "Through these meetings, Washington officials will be able to get first-hand reports on the progress of the programmes and advise field personnel on future operating policies."—United Press.



Ava Gardner and her husband Frank Sinatra arrive at Ciampino Airfield, Rome, from Madrid. There have been frequent reports that they were to separate since their marriage in 1951. Just as frequently there have been reports to say they have patched up their quarrels.—Express Photo.

Not only do they have to get the Abadan Refinery working but:

ZAHEDI'S BIG HEADACHE IS: WHAT'S TO BE DONE WITH IRAN'S OIL

This article from New York outlines some of the problems ahead of the new Iranian Administration in its attempt to get the Nationalised oil industry on its feet after many months of inactivity. Not only does the Government have to get the vast Anglo-Iranian Refinery in working order again—for it was frequently reported that under the Mossadegh regime equipment and vital machines were removed and the vast fleet of tanker-trucks reduced by hundreds—but they have to face stiff competition from American, British and European companies which are now producing oil in excess of world requirements.

New York, Jan. 12.

An American expert in world petroleum affairs, Mr. Walter Levy, recently said it should be possible for "men of good will" to achieve a settlement of the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute.

But any settlement would have to be "in accord with the political realities and the national aspirations of Iran, on the one hand, and the principles of the Western world, and the commercial facts of life, on the other hand," he said.

Mr. Levy was for a considerable time in Government service as an oil consultant, particularly with the Economic Co-operation Administration during its control of foreign aid from the United States. Now, he is in private business in the same capacity.

He gave a long, detailed review of the British-Iranian oil controversy at a recent round table conference sponsored by the Middle East Institute, which has its headquarters in Washington.

After summarising the development of Iranian oil by British interests in the 30-odd years preceding the closing of the Abadan refinery in 1951, he surveyed events, including the legal fight which led the British to abandon Abadan, and the effects of this step on Iran's economy and the company's finances.

Commenting on the changed position brought about by the overthrow of the Mosaddegh Government last August, he declared: "We are once again concerned with the problem of the re-establishment of oil operations in Iran. Only in this manner can the country acquire the necessary means to maintain its economic and political stability and to improve the standard of living of its people."

Seven Principles

Then Mr. Levy defined what he called "the general principles involved in the settlement." These, he said, include:

1. The principle that nationalisation under international law requires (in the absence of a satisfactory agreement with the previous owners) prompt, adequate and effective compensation, the mere willingness to pay without the ability to do so being insufficient.

2. If foreign investment in an underdeveloped country is nationalised, the whole nationalisation effort will not destroy the enterprise but may also lead to economic and political collapse of the country.

3. Nationalisation can be put into effect only with the continued assistance of the previous owner whose properties have been nationalised, and he would obviously not be prepared to extend such help except on the basis of an agreement and of a satisfactory settlement of the compensation issue.

4. In any case, the previous investor could not afford to jeopardise his investment position in other countries where he may have interest which have not been expropriated.

5. International oil operations are handled to a considerable extent through a few large integrated companies none of which could afford to provide technical help and make transport and markets available

for the purchase of oil in Iran if, by doing so, it would establish an unworkable and inefficient operation which would have serious adverse effects for it in other producing countries.

6. The establishment of large scale oil production operations requires secured access to stable market outlets on a long term basis. No one could afford to tie himself to an oil supplier in whose technical or managerial competence he would not have complete confidence over a long term.

7. Adherence to these principles is so basic to the progress of world trade and of economic development that no Government or Western interests can afford to ignore them.

"Specific Problems"

Mr. Levy then defined what he called "specific problems" in the Iranian situation as follows:

1. Iranian oil has been completely replaced. In the world market by large increases in British-controlled and American-owned production. There is at present, even excluding Iran, an immediate surplus productive capacity of crude oil amounting to more than 1,500,000 barrels a day pressing for market outlets, and the Iranians have been warned of this development ever since the nationalisation.

2. The resumption of Iranian oil operations on a substantial basis would require that other producing countries and companies either reduce their output, or at least abstain from expanding it if the outlets for Iranian oil were geared, for the time being, to the expected increase of requirements only.

3. Even on this assumption, there exists, for a variety of reasons no large scale market for Iranian oil in the Western hemisphere. The natural outlet for such oil is the Eastern hemisphere, and requirements there increase annually by only 250,000 to 300,000 barrels a day.

4. The number of customers in oil-importing countries, particularly of the Eastern hemisphere, not affiliated with the major companies is small and the volume of their sales is limited. The resumption of substantial shipments of Iranian oil thus requires co-operation with those oil companies which supply the bulk of the requirements of the free world.

5. American interests at present control over 60 per cent of Middle East production and proven reserves (excluding Iran) as compared with about 45 per cent in 1951. Their share in European imports of crude oil and products amounts to some 37 per cent and in European refining capacity to only 25 per cent.

6. On the other hand, British and other European interests now own only some 40 per cent of present Middle East production and proven reserves, as compared with about 55 per cent in early 1951. But their present market share in European imports is 63 per cent and in refining capacity, 78 per cent.

7. If American oil companies would purchase Iranian oil at a price no higher than that at which they could obtain or

develop oil elsewhere in the Middle East, such purchases from Iran might still be commercially disadvantageous because of tax considerations, compensation obligations to the former owner, and other factors.

8. Such purchases by American companies might raise problems for importing soft-currency countries and lead to problems in connection with the level of output in American-held concessions, possibly involving serious legal complications in the United States.

9. Neither from a supply and demand nor from a commercial or broad economic point of view, do American companies represent the most natural large scale customer for Iranian oil, but possibly they might agree to handle sizable quantities.

10. If and when Iranian oil exports should be resumed on a substantial scale, they would, in the first instance, probably replace the purchases which British and other companies have made in the Western hemisphere and from American companies elsewhere. Second, they would affect the expansion rate of British production in areas such as Kuwait. And, finally, they would affect American-owned production somewhat, as a result largely of the reduction of sales by American companies to British and other customers.

There are also other "important conditions" which, according to Mr. Levy, must be observed if the Iranian oil operations are to be resumed on a large scale.

"A substantial group of foreign experts is needed to provide the necessary technical and managerial skills," he said.

"Such a group will face a most difficult problem in arranging for the adjustment of the operations to the changed conditions. It will be responsible for the expenditure of a great deal of money even before operations can be resumed.

"This group, to carry out its assignment, must be granted the necessary power and responsibility and must be free from political and any other unwarranted interference.

"This point is of particular importance as no company would commit itself to the purchase of large quantities of Iranian oil over a long term if it did not have iron-clad assurances that the Iranian oil industry would be continually operated by a competent and absolutely reliable technical and commercial management."

"While it is not possible to predict the course of the present negotiations and the shape of any final settlement, the review will serve to define reasonably clearly the likely area of negotiation.

"Within that area it should be plainly possible for men of good will to achieve an agreement in accordance with the political realities and the national aspirations of Iran, on the one hand, and the principles of the Western world, and the commercial facts of life, on the other," he said.—China Mail Special.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Jan. 12. Stocks added nearly \$1,000,000 to total market values today in their first advance in five sessions—a rise led by rail stocks.

Gains in the carriers ranged to more than 3 points, lifting the average for the group by \$1.40—the widest percentage gain. In the industrials, oils, tobaccos, aircrafts, electric appliances, chemicals and a host of specialties had good gains, and the average was up \$1.04. Utilities improved 23 cents, reflecting numerous small gains.

Volume, however, continued light, with 1,250,000 shares traded.

The about-face was seen as a technical adjustment of an over-sold market condition, observers said.

In the oils, Shell ran up 1½, Texas Pacific Coal and Oil, Texas Pacific Land Trust and Amerasia 1½ each.

Tobacco came back strongly, with gains of a point in Philip Morris, ¾ in American Tobacco, ¾ in Liggett & Myers.

Steel was firm. Of 1,090 issues traded today, 580 advanced, 220 declined and 281 were unchanged. There were 11 new highs set, 9 new lows.

The NY Stock Exchange bond volume was \$9,750,000. The American Stock Exchange volume was 360,000 shares. Dow Jones closing averages were:

	Jan. 12	Jan. 11
30 Industrials	220.17	219.17
20 Rails	96.85	96.85
10 Utilities	52.89	52.89
40 Bonds	117.33	117.33
Comm. future price index	117.33	117.33

New York Sugar Market

New York, Jan. 12. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 50 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to one point lower with sales of 185 contracts. Future closings:—

Contract No. 4 (world)	March	May	July	September	November	December
	3.20b	3.20b	3.20b	3.20b	3.20b	3.20b
Contract No. 6	5.45b	5.45b	5.45b	5.45b	5.45b	5.45b
Spot (cents per lb. for Cuba)	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20

CHICAGO GRAIN FUTURES

Closing prices per bushel in cents:	Chicago, Jan. 12.
Wheat, No. 2, red	208½
Spot	208½
March 210½ (1) 208½ (L)	208½
May	208½
July	208½
September	208½
November	208½
December	208½
Spot	208½
Corn, No. 2, yellow	157½
Spot	157½
March	157½
May	157½
July	157½
September	157½
November	157½
December	157½
Spot	157½
New York hour, 200 lbs.	113.50b
Sack	113.50b

HK Bank Dividend

The Directors of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation announce that out of the profits of the Bank for the year ending December 31, 1953, a final dividend of £3 per share (net after deduction of Hongkong Corporation Profits Tax) will be paid, leaving a balance of approximately \$9,870,000 to be carried forward. The sum of \$4,000,000 has been written off Bank Premises Account. The accounts are still subject to audit.

New York Cotton

	New York, Jan. 12.	Jan. 11.
Spot	22.50	22.50
March	22.50	22.50
May	22.50	22.50
July	22.50	22.50
September	22.50	22.50
November	22.50	22.50
December	22.50	22.50
Spot	22.50	22.50

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Markets & Employment May Be

Bigger Problem Than Dollars Soon

BUSINESSMEN NEED TO KEEP WITS ABOUT THEM

By Sydney S. Campell
Reuters's Financial Editor

London, Jan. 12.

Caution and competition are the likeliest characteristics of world business in 1954. With good luck and good management it may be a satisfactory year for the U.S. economy and therefore for world economy.

But at best it faces some difficult transitions. To negotiate them safely, governments and businessmen will need alert and flexible policies. Unemployment may cause more anxiety than dollars. By the end of the year, for the first time since the war, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer and other finance ministers may have stopped worrying about dollars and be worried about markets and employment instead.

So far the United States is having most of its readjustment at home, and it seems likely to stay there. In 1949 a similar U.S. readjustment mainly affected the balance of payments of other countries and culminated in the waves of devaluations of sterling and other currencies. But nothing of that nature can be foreseen in 1954. Later in the year conditions may give rise to rumours not of devaluation but of up-valuation of sterling against the dollar.

Given a reasonably prosperous year in the U.S., the outlook for the non-dollar countries would be quite good. Germany, for example, should be able to go on regaining her export markets without wrecking Britain's.

By and large, that is what has been happening. Cases of undercutting and unfair competition, real or alleged, attract most publicity, but they are probably exceptions.

Always with the proviso about the U.S., such countries as France and Japan should be able to surmount their remaining inflationary problems without too much anxiety for their balance of payments.

Some of the Latin American countries still have tough inflationary problems but Argentina and Brazil have applied

some realistic remedies. They have already shown some results in Argentina. They may help Brazil as the year progresses.

CURVES RISING

For the U.S., which is the pivot of the economy of the non-Communist world, officials express confidence that 1954 will rank second only to the all-time records of 1953, and that the business curves will be rising again well before the end of the year. Since a continuous inflationary boom is ruled out, and would have been ruinous in the end, these predictions are as good as could reasonably be expected.

In the aftermath of half a dozen booms which all bunched together, the U.S. is in transition from an overland to a reasonable load—stepping down from abnormal to normal. So far, the process has been orderly. There is always a danger of the pendulum temporarily swinging too far. Washington's most effective anti-inflation remedy may be tax cuts. Washington undoubtedly has the will to avert any serious setback, since a depression might not merely defeat but destroy the Republican Party. The consensus of unofficial as well as official economists is that Washington also has the means, if it is alert to apply them in time.

UNINSPIRING MARKETS

The Soviet bloc's problems of economic readjustment are probably more serious than those of the U.S. But they are less important to the non-Communist world. Some of them have compensations, as for example the way in which Russia's need to meet her burdensome end-year debt payments to the U.S. and Canada.

Markets are likely to be uninspiring. Not having got drunk during the boom, Wall Street has no hangover in the aftermath—a great improvement on 1953. Commodities range from scarcity in cocoa and coffee to superabundance in wheat, cotton and oil.

In general, the inflationary Korea boom having already been squeezed out, it does not have to be squeezed out again. If things go wrong in the more competitive conditions, there is danger of dumping, particularly of the U.S. farm surpluses. Given average weather, the supposed restrictions on the wheat and cotton crops are perhaps likelier to enlarge than to reduce the surpluses.

All told, officials and businessmen will need to keep their wits about them in 1954.—Reuters.

US COMMODITY MARKETS

New York, Jan. 12. Strength in import items featured the commodity trading today with cocoa and coffee in the lead.

Domestic items moved irregularly. Grains closed lower.

At Chicago, wheat closed off ½ to 1 cent, soybeans off 1½ to 2 cents.

As a whole, which was

Aden Refinery May Start Before 1955

Aden, Jan. 12. A new Anglo-Iranian Oil Company refinery with 5,000,000 tons a year capacity, is expected to start operating here before the end of this year.

The total cost is estimated at £45 million.

The cost is heavy but the AIOC believes it will be justified by the saving in freight costs when the refinery gets going. The refinery is being built in the desert 20 miles from this busy port and is nearing completion.

It was started early in 1952 after the British-owned AIOC had been expelled from Iran and its giant Abadan Refinery, which had a capacity of 25 million tons a year, was closed down.

REPLACING ABADAN

An inspection of the work showed that no expense had been spared to get the new refinery into operation as soon as possible to replace some of the loss suffered by the closure of the Abadan plant.

The site chosen is close to the Persian Gulf oil fields and adjacent to this ship bunkering port for vessels passing through the Suez Canal.

A high proportion—some two million tons—of the Aden refinery's output will be fuel oil for the Aden bunkers.

More highly refined products will go to East Africa, India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

British and Dutch engineers are building the harbour and an American team of oil specialists directing the refinery construction.—China Mail Special.

Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Jan. 12. The market was quiet until towards the close when it stood on little enquiry with sellers reserved.

Future closings:—	No. 1 rubber per lb.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	56½-58½	56½-58½	56½-58½	56½-58½
No. 2 rubber per lb.	54½-56½	54½-56½	54½-56½	54½-56½
No. 3	52½-54½	52½-54½	52½-54½	52½-54½
Spot unbleached	50½-52½	50½-52½	50½-52½	50½-52½
Blanket crepe	48½-50½	48½-50½	48½-50½	48½-50½
No. 1 pale crepe	62-64	62-64	62-64	62-64

LONDON MARKET

London, Jan. 12. The rubber market was quiet with No. 1 RSS quoted at 17½ pence per lb. Prices:

Settlement house term:	No. 1 spot	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	17-17½	17-17½	17-17½	17-17½
April/May	17-17½	17-17½	17-17½	17-17½
General markets, cif basis, ports:	17-17½	17-17½	17-17½	17-17½
Jan.	17-17½	17-17½	17-17½	17-17½
Feb.	17-17½	17-17½	17-17½	17-17½
Mar.	17-17½	17-17½	17-17½	17-17½

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Jan. 12. Rubber futures today closed unchanged to 5 points higher with sales of five contracts.

The dull situation prevailing in the market since the holidays show little sign of a break-up today, dealers said.

Spot No. 1 RSS were quoted at 20½ cents a pound. Future closings:	March	May	July	September	November	December
	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b
March	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b
May	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b
July	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b
September	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b
November	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b
December	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b	20.25b

—United Press.



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NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

SALES: Friday the 15th January, at 12.00 noon for the UNITED KINGDOM via Straits, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

BAGGAGE: Passengers are requested to send ALL baggage to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown at No. 2 Gate, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE, by NOON on Thursday, 14th January, 1954.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only.

BAGGAGE COOLIES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE WHARF.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

JUMBLE SALE

IN her life Mary has had more than her share of pain and misery. She has spent many months in nursing homes and hospitals and could hold her own with the best of those—women mostly—whose small talk is all of the relative merits of surgeons.

A gallant lot, these, who, suffering much, put pain in its place by reducing it to a subject for a gossip paragraph.

When the surgeons had finished at last with Mary, she devoted herself to two interests. Her husband, who was an invalid too, and good works of a more public kind.

In the town where she lived, people came to rely on Mary. The organizers of charitable functions had always the comfort of her to lean on. At sales of work and jumble sales, garden parties and bazaars, Mary was always around, as permanent a feature as the crescent shy on the white elephant stall.

ANOTHER GOOD CAUSE

HER latest assignment has been to organize a stall in a jumble sale to be held in aid of animal welfare.

Mary gave herself wholeheartedly to the cause. It was in the forefront of her mind when she came up to London the other day to shop.

Shopping, she bought a jumper from a West End store. She paid for it and, waiting for her change, looked about her curiously, thinking how nice it would be if her jumble sale stalls had as much to offer as the store's counters had.

"I wonder if they would notice, she said to herself, 'if I there's so much here, they can't ever sell it all, surely'."

FOR MY STALL

SHE helped herself to another jumper and a couple of knitted hats—not for herself to wear, but to put on her jumble-sale stall. She left the shop.

A store detective followed Mary out, stopped her in the street and said: "I think you have a jumper you haven't paid for." She had not seen the knitted hats being stolen.

Mary was led back to the manager's office, and presently the police were called. Next morning, at Bow Street, Mary, a tall woman, with traces still of the good looks her illnesses had drained away, pleaded guilty to stealing goods valued at £4 0s. 4d.

"It's quite true," she said, when the police had told their story to Mr. Edmund Reece, the magistrate. "I thought these things would do for my stall."

QUITE ABSURD

"BUT suppose everyone who is interested in jumble sales are—as many people very properly are—were to say to themselves 'I'll go to a shop and take what I want?' said the magistrate. "Oh, I do so agree with you," said Mary. "I do so agree. It was perfectly absurd of me, quite absurd."

"This is shoplifting," said the magistrate.

"I can't hear what you say, sir," said Mary. "I've been asking everyone for things for the stall for such a long time, now."

"Shoplifting," Mr. Reece repeated. Mary still seemed not quite to catch the word.

"Quite ridiculous," she said, upbraiding herself.

"You must pay £3 fine and two guineas costs," Mr. Reece said.

USED TO IT

MARY left. Out of the £7 that was the weekly income she and her husband had, she would find the money somehow. Everything about her told you it would not be her husband that would suffer for her folly, and not the good cause.

It would be Mary who would go without things. Suffering was no new thing to her.

Men, The Better Sleepers

Allensbach, W. G. Jan. 12. Men sleep better than women in West Germany and a public poll taken by the Institute for Democracy.

Twenty-seven per cent of the people questioned said they needed drugs. There were twice as many women as men among them.—Reuter.

Rat - Killing Virus Prize

Manila, Jan. 13. President Maguaysay approved the granting of a \$50,000 prize by the government yesterday to any Filipino or foreigner who can discover a virus that will exterminate rats and will kill them outright without harming man, other animals and plants.

Still After A Fourth Victim

Coxburg, Miss., Jan. 12. A backwoods Negro trick-shot artist's vow to take "four white men to hell" with him lacked one victim today and Sheriff Richard Ryrd said, "Unless we are lucky the Negro will get another man before we get him."

Residents of this tiny Central Mississippi farm community kept indoors or travelled in armed groups, assuming who next would appear in the sights of 28-year-old Eddie Neel's .22 calibre automatic rifle with which he used to shoot matches held between his wife's teeth.

Sent Out By Mother To Hawk

"Did you hawk?" "Yes." "Then why did you plead not guilty?" Mr. Hin-shing Lo asked a Chinese boy, charged with hawk.

"Because I am a juvenile, I'm only 15 years old," replied the youth.

Laughter rippled through the courtroom.

The magistrate asked the boy who sent him to hawk and who gave him the goods to sell. "My mother," was the prompt reply.

At this, Mr. Lo warned the Court spectators, "You must not corrupt your youngsters. They should be sent to school."

The boy was cautioned and discharged, but his \$2 worth of goods were confiscated.

Radio Hongkong

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